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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. WE WILL BE LED IN OUR  
7   INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY RABBI JONATHAN JAFFE BERNHARD. AND  
8   THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY G. PATRICIA JACKSON-  
9   KELLEY. RABBI?

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11   **RABBI BERNHARD:** THANK YOU. THE TORAH, OUR SACRED BOOK, IS A  
12   BOOK OF LAWS. AND JEWISH TRADITION HOLDS THAT THERE ARE 613  
13   COMMANDMENTS WITHIN THE TORAH AND THAT THEY'RE ALL TO BE  
14   VIEWED OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE. AND YET THE RABBIS COULD NOT HELP  
15   THEMSELVES AND TRIED TO FIND ONE LAW THAT WAS SUPERIOR TO ALL  
16   THE OTHERS. AND SO, IN THE SECOND CENTURY, A VERY FAMOUS SAGE  
17   BY THE NAME OF RABBI KEVA SAID THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT LAW IN  
18   THE TORAH CAN BE FOUND IN THIS WEEK'S TORAH READING. (SPEAKING  
19   HEBREW) AND YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. IT IS  
20   BEAUTIFUL AND IT IS POWERFUL. HOWEVER, HIS COLLEAGUES  
21   DISAGREED WITH HIM, AND THEY SAID "SOME PEOPLE DON'T LOVE  
22   THEMSELVES. SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE NECESSARY SELF-ESTEEM  
23   AND SENSE OF SELF-WORTH THAT THEY CAN LOVE THEMSELVES THAT WE  
24   CAN BASE THE MOST IMPORTANT LAW OF TORAH ON SOMETHING SO  
25   TENUOUS." AND SO ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND SHOT BACK AND SAID



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1 GENESIS CHAPTER 5. (SPEAKING HEBREW) THIS IS THE STORY OF  
2 HUMANITY. (SPEAKING HEBREW) THIS IS THE GREATEST PRINCIPLE IN  
3 TORAH. BECAUSE THIS RABBI UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TORAH, ALTHOUGH  
4 A SACRED BOOK TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE, IS STILL THE STORY OF ALL  
5 HUMANITY. FOR WE SHARE A COMMON ANCESTRY. WE ARE ALL  
6 DESCENDANTS OF ADAM, OF HUMANITY. AND THEREFORE THE HUMAN  
7 HISTORY IS MY HISTORY. AND THE HUMAN DESTINY, AND THE DESTINY  
8 OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS IS MY DESTINY, AS WELL. AND, THEREFORE, IN  
9 THE PRESENT, AS WE REFLECT UPON OUR PAST AND OUR FUTURE THAT  
10 ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISIONS WE  
11 MAKE MUST RISE ABOVE THE PETTY AND THE NARROW AND THE  
12 PAROCHIAL. FOR AT BASE, WHEN ONE LOOKS AT IT, WE ARE ALL ONE.  
13 MAY IT BE SO TODAY AND ALL DAYS, AMEN.

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15 **G. PATRICIA JACKSON-KELLEY:** PLEASE FACE OUR FLAG AND PUT YOUR  
16 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. OR IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY SALUTE  
17 AND LET'S REPEAT IN UNITY. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE WERE LED IN THE  
22 INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY RABBI JONATHAN JAFFE BERNHARD, OF  
23 CONGREGATION ADAT ARI EL IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. HE CAME  
24 TO ADAT ARI EL AS AN ASSISTANT RABBI WHERE HE HAS SERVED EVER  
25 SINCE. HE IS NOW ONLY THE THIRD SENIOR RABBI IN THE





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1 CONGREGATION'S 70-YEAR HISTORY. NO TERM LIMITS AT ADAT ARI EL.  
2 PRIOR TO RECEIVING HIS ORDINATION FROM THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL  
3 SEMINARY, RABBI BERNARD STUDIED AT HAVERFORD COLLEGE IN  
4 PENNSYLVANIA WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN  
5 RELIGIOUS STUDIES. RABBI BERNHARD WAS DRAWN TO THE RABBINATE  
6 BECAUSE IT ALLOWS HIM TO TEACH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES IN MANY  
7 DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A CHANCE TO BE OF SERVICE AND TO  
8 BECOME INVOLVED WITH FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE FULL  
9 RANGE OF LIFE CYCLE EVENTS. RABBI BERNHARD IS MARRIED AND HE  
10 HAS THREE SONS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT INSPIRATIONAL  
11 MESSAGE THIS MORNING. MY DAD TAUGHT AT ADAT ARI EL BEFORE IT  
12 WAS KNOWN AS ADAT ARI EL, A LONG TIME AGO. AND WE GO A LONG  
13 WAY BACK WITH THIS CONGREGATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE'RE  
18 DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US G. PATRICIA JACKSON-KELLEY, A  
19 NATIONAL VETERANS REHAB COMMISSIONER AND REPRESENTING THE  
20 AMERICAN LEGION. SHE SERVED AS A CAPTAIN IN THE AIR FORCE FROM  
21 1979 TO 1983, AND A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE ARMY RESERVE  
22 FROM 1983 TO 2003. A FEW OF HER PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND  
23 APPOINTMENTS INCLUDE AMERICAN LEGION POST COMMANDER, 23RD  
24 DISTRICT, AND A NATIONAL VETERANS REHAB COMMISSIONER. SHE HAS  
25 RECEIVED A NUMBER OF DECORATIONS THAT INCLUDE AN ARMY



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1 COMMENDATION MEDAL, AN AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL, AN AIR  
2 FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD AND AIR FORCE LONGEVITY SERVICE  
3 AWARD RIBBON. SHE RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM HUNTER  
4 COLLEGE, HER MASTER'S DEGREE FROM GOLDEN STATE UNIVERSITY. AND  
5 MOST RECENTLY, SHE SERVED AS A MANAGER AT THE VETERANS  
6 HOSPITAL IN WEST LOS ANGELES. SHE IS NOW HAPPILY RETIRED. SHE  
7 IS MARRIED AND WITH ONE SON AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. PLEASE  
8 JOIN ME IN WELCOMING AND THANKING G. PATRICIA JACKSON-KELLEY  
9 FOR THIS MORNING'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SALUTE. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARE YOU READY FOR THE AGENDA?

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATIONS  
15 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
16 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
17 CONTINUED TO MAY 12TH, 2009. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A  
18 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THE ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED TO MAY  
21 12TH.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** S-2.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF  
3 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON ITEM 1-D, SUPERVISOR  
4 YAROSLAVSKY WOULD LIKE TO ADD THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THIS  
5 RECOMMENDATION, "INSTRUCT THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO RETURN TO THE BOARD BY  
7 JUNE 30TH, 2009, TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS  
8 TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER H.P.R.P. AND ALSO THERE IS A REQUEST  
9 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM."

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ITEM WILL BE HELD.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO AMENDED. BUT THE ITEM IS HELD FOR THE WHOLE  
17 ITEM.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM NO. 5, AS  
20 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
21 ACKNOWLEDGES THE APPELLANT'S WITHDRAWAL OF CONDITIONAL USE  
22 PERMIT 200700108 AND REQUESTS THAT THE DE NOVO APPEAL HEARING  
23 REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 200700072 BE CONTINUED  
24 WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JUNE 23RD, 2009.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 6, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
4    AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
5    CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO MAY 26TH, 2009, AT 1 P.M.

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 8, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
10    AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
11    CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO MAY 26TH, 2009, AT 1 P.M.

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13    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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15    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 9, AS INDICATED ON THE  
16    SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
17    CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JUNE 23RD, 2009.

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19    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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21    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS WILL BE  
22    HELD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 9,  
23    ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 11 THROUGH  
24    23. ON ITEM NO. 11, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT  
25    THIS ITEM BE HELD.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 22, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD THE REMAINING--

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS IS BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT I HAD A HOLD THERE, BUT I  
13 GUESS I DON'T. WITH THOSE TWO ITEMS BEING HELD ON THE  
14 REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
18 ITEMS 24 THROUGH 27. ON ITEM NO. 24, THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE  
19 REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO  
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF  
21 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ITEM, WHAT? 24?

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 24.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S THE ONE I WAS LOOKING FOR,  
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 25, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
11 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 27, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 17, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
21 TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
22 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM  
23 28-A.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
2    CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 28-B.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED  
7    BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND 28-C.

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11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE  
12   CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
15   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
16   DISTRICT NO. 2.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE  
19   ANY PRESENTATIONS TODAY? OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY  
20   PRESENTATIONS? CAN WE GET IT LIVE HERE? HAVING A LITTLE  
21   TROUBLE WITH THE MICROPHONES TODAY, HUH? MINOR DETAIL. IT IS  
22   MY HONOR TO CALL UP SUSAN STERN. AND THERE SHE IS. HER CAREER  
23   BEGAN WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES -- WE'RE LOSING A LOT OF  
24   HISTORY THESE LAST FEW WEEKS HERE IN THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS  
25   ANGELES -- BEGAN IN THE SUMMER OF 1970 FOLLOWING HER



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1 GRADUATION FROM HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. SHE STARTED IN THE  
2 COUNTY AS A TYPIST CLERK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND  
3 CONTINUED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING SUMMER UNTIL TRANSFERRING TO  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL IN THE FALL OF 1972. AFTER  
5 ATTAINING HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY FROM U.C.L.A. IN  
6 1974, SHE WAS APPOINTED AS A PERSONNEL ANALYST AID. AND OVER  
7 THE SUCCEEDING YEARS, PROGRESSED IN VARIOUS HUMAN RESOURCES  
8 ASSIGNMENTS TO THE LEVEL OF CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OUR  
9 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. SHE'S A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER AND  
10 LEADER IN THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR  
11 HUMAN RESOURCES AND SERVED AS THE LOCAL, REGIONAL  
12 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THIS ORGANIZATION. SHE HAS -- I  
13 WANT ZEV TO HEAR THIS. SHE HAS BEEN A PROUD RESIDENT OF OVER  
14 25 YEARS AT THE CITY OF CERRITOS. I COUNT HER AS A NEIGHBOR.  
15 [APPLAUSE.] SHE PLANS TO GIVE BACK TO HER COMMUNITY AND  
16 UNIVERSITY THROUGH VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES. SHE'S GOING TO BE ONE  
17 OF OUR ARTS AMBASSADORS AT THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE  
18 PERFORMING ARTS, A U.C.L.A. CHANCELLOR'S ASSOCIATE, ALUMNI  
19 ADVISER AND HER SORORITY THETA KAPPA PHI, AS WELL AS THE  
20 ASIAN-AMERICAN SYMPHONY BOARD. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND MY  
21 COLLEAGUES AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
22 WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF 36 YEARS OF  
23 INCREDIBLE SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO ITS  
24 EMPLOYEES AND TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US,



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1 WE WISH YOU A MOST JOYFUL AND MOST IMPORTANTLY A HEALTHY  
2 RETIREMENT. HAVE FUN. AND SEE YOU AT RALPH'S. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUSAN TOY STERN:** THANK YOU, SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND I DID ASK  
5 WHEN I'M USHERING AT CERRITOS, FOR YOU IF I'M ESCORTING YOU  
6 DOWN THE AISLE, FOR YOU PLEASE NOT TO TRIP ME. AND I HOPE THAT  
7 I DON'T TRIP, EITHER. BUT I DO WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE BOARD  
8 FOR THIS RECOGNITION. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL 36 YEARS. AND I'VE  
9 ENJOYED MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE COUNTY. AND I DO WANT TO THANK  
10 ALL OF THE D.H.R. FAMILY FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND SUPPORTING  
11 ME AND SUPPORTING US THROUGH THE YEARS AS WE HAVE ATTAINED  
12 RECOGNITION FOR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES,  
13 BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY WHEN WE MADE PRESENTATIONS  
14 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
15 INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN HELPING US TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR  
16 OUR PROGRAMS, SUCH AS TELECOMMUTING AND BENEFITS AND WORKFORCE  
17 PLANNING AND OUR LEARNING ACADEMY. WE ARE THE MODEL FOR MANY  
18 OF THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS. AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR  
19 SUPPORT ALL THESE YEARS. SO THIS RECOGNITION IS FOR YOU, AS  
20 WELL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, I'M VERY PLEASED TO HAVE SOME VERY  
23 SPECIAL GUESTS WITH US THIS MORNING FROM SCHOOLS ALL OVER LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY TO ACKNOWLEDGE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.  
25 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IMPACTS FAMILIES FROM ALL CULTURAL,





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1 ETHNIC AND SOCIAL ECONOMIC GROUPS, LEAVING UNFORTUNATELY  
2 LASTING SCARS ON VICTIMS AND COMMUNITIES. IN 2008 ALONE, OVER  
3 167,000 CASES OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT WERE REPORTED TO OUR  
4 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE DEEPLY  
5 APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, THEIR ADVOCATES  
6 AND OTHER CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO  
7 PROTECT, ASSIST, AND HOPEFULLY HEAL THESE CHILDREN. WE MUST  
8 NEVER CEASE TO BRING THE PUBLIC FOCUS TO THIS TRAGEDY OR  
9 MITIGATE OUR EFFORTS TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE FROM OCCURRING IN  
10 OUR COMMUNITIES. DEANNE TILTON, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
11 I.C.A.N., WHICH IS THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND  
12 NEGLECT, IS HERE WITH US TODAY TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL  
13 COMMEMORATING CHILD ABUSE MONTH. BUT AS ALL OF YOU KNOW,  
14 I.C.A.N. HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN ON THE FRONTLINES OF  
15 CONFRONTING THE TRAGIC ISSUE AND HAS A LOT, OBVIOUSLY, TO DO  
16 WITH DEANNE'S PERSISTENCE, INTENSITY, AND LEADERSHIP AND  
17 ADVOCACY. SO I'M GOING TO PRESENT THIS TO DEANNE AND THEN WE  
18 GOING TO ALSO PRESENT OUR WINNERS. WE'VE GOT -- I'LL LET  
19 DEANNE AND EVERYONE DESCRIBE IT, BUT THE BOARD HAS THIS  
20 WONDERFUL BUT VERY DIFFICULT JOB EVERY YEAR TO PICK WINNERS  
21 FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY. WE GET TO LOOK AT ALL THE VARIOUS  
22 ART. I'M NOT SURE, BUT SHE'LL TELL YOU HOW MANY. AND THESE ARE  
23 OUR WINNERS. SO DEANNE, HERE YOU GO. HERE, TRY THIS ONE. CAN  
24 WE GET THE OTHER SIDE MICS WORKING, PLEASE? THANK YOU.

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1   **DEANNE TILTON:** APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. AND EACH  
2   YEAR, I.C.A.N. PRESENTS THREE REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF  
3   SUPERVISORS, ONE ON CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES, ONE ON THE STATE  
4   OF CHILD ABUSE, AND THE THIRD ONE IS ON SAFELY SURRENDERED AND  
5   ABANDONED BABIES. I BROUGHT THE ONE ON SAFE SURRENDERED BABIES  
6   JUST FOR DON, SUPERVISOR KNABE, BECAUSE WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD  
7   HAVE IT BRONZED. BECAUSE OF HIS LEADERSHIP, WE NOW HAVE 71  
8   LIVING NEWBORN BABIES THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN OUR STATISTICS  
9   IN ANOTHER REPORT. SO THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.  
10  [APPLAUSE.] THE CHILDREN HERE TODAY ARE THE WINNERS OF AMONG  
11  OVER 1,000 CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED IN OVER 50 SCHOOLS ACROSS  
12  THIS COUNTRY. IT MAKES THEM VERY SPECIAL. AND IF YOU LOOK AT  
13  THEIR ARTWORK, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT ROBERT FROST MEANT  
14  WHEN HE SAID, "WE DANCE AROUND IN CIRCLES AND PROPOSE THE  
15  ANSWER SIT IN THE MIDDLE AND KNOWS." THESE ARE THE CHILDREN  
16  SITTING IN THE MIDDLE. THESE ARE THE CHILDREN WHO KNOW. AND IF  
17  YOU LOOK AT THEIR ARTWORK, YOU WILL SEE THEY HAVE MESSAGES  
18  THAT ARE PROFOUND. WORDS HURT. ABUSE IS NOT A LESSON. ABUSE IS  
19  A LIFE SENTENCE. PLEASE LOVE ME, KEEP ME WARM. ABUSE IS A  
20  CHILLING COLD. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE MESSAGES COMING FROM  
21  THESE CHILDREN WHO WEREN'T ABUSED THEMSELVES PUT LEST WE EVER  
22  FORGET HOW THE WATER RIPPLES FROM ONE CASE OF ABUSE THROUGHOUT  
23  THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT OUR  
24  COMMUNITIES, LET US LOOK AT THIS ARTWORK AND KNOW THAT THESE  
25  CHILDREN VERY PASSIONATELY WANTED TO DELIVER A MESSAGE THAT



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1 CHILD ABUSE NEEDS TO BE STOPPED. AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO WORK  
2 TOGETHER TO TRY TO DO THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP STEVE  
3 COOLEY, WHILE HE'S HERE. HE IS THE VICE CHAIR OF I.C.A.N.  
4 TRISH PLOEHN IS IN THE BACK OF THE BUILDING. WOULD YOU COME  
5 UP, TOO, FOR A PICTURE? TRISH AND STEVE ARE MAJOR PLAYERS IN  
6 I.C.A.N.'S POLICY COMMITTEE, WHICH MEETS ON THURSDAY. I ALSO  
7 WANT TO ASSURE THAT MONICA MCCOY IS RECOGNIZED, WHO IS THE  
8 COORDINATOR OF 12 COMMUNITY CHILD ABUSE COUNCILS AND HAS  
9 MATERIAL FOR EVERYONE HERE. AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MORE THAN  
10 ANYBODY TODAY BEVERLY KURTZ, WHO FOR 21 YEARS HAS CONNECTED  
11 WITH SCHOOLS, WITH TEACHERS, WITH OUR AGENCIES, WITH THE  
12 CAPITOL, WITH THE COURTROOMS, WITH THE CHILDREN AND WITH THEIR  
13 FAMILIES. AND IT'S HER INCREDIBLE PASSION AND INTREPID NATURE  
14 THAT BRINGS TOGETHER THESE THOUSAND DIFFERENT PIECES OF ART  
15 FROM 53 SCHOOLS TO ASSURE THAT NOBODY FORGETS THAT CHILDREN  
16 ARE AFFECTED BY CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT WHETHER OR NOT THEY  
17 ARE THE INTENDED VICTIMS. SO YOU'LL SEE THEIR POSTERS AROUND.  
18 YOU'LL SEE THEM IN THE HALLWAY. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK  
19 THIS BOARD BECAUSE THIS BOARD HAS SHOWN INCREDIBLE CONCERN  
20 ABOUT CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN HURT. I HOPE YOU READ ALL THREE  
21 REPORTS. WE HAVE A RELEASE ON THURSDAY AT NOON. AND WE WILL  
22 CONTINUE TO DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY WHO TOUCHES THE  
23 LIFE OF A CHILD IS PART OF THE ANSWER, EVERY AGENCY, EVERY  
24 COMMUNITY AND EVERY ASSOCIATION. DID I FORGET ANYBODY? OH,  
25 KATHY WALSH, WHO IS THE AUTHOR OF THE "SAFE SURRENDERED AND



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1 ABANDONED BABY REPORT." KATHY, A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON IN MY  
2 OFFICE. OKAY. BEVERLY, DID YOU WANT TO TELL US ABOUT WHO THE  
3 CHILDREN ARE AND HAVE THEM SAY A WORD? THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND  
4 HAPPY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. I HOPE NEXT YEAR THE  
5 NUMBERS ARE DOWN AGAIN. I HAVE TO SAY FOR THE LAST YEAR, WE  
6 HAVE COLLECTED DATA. WE HAVE THE LOWEST NUMBER OF CHILD AND  
7 YOUTH SUICIDES IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COLLECTING DATA. SO  
8 THANKS TO THE SCHOOLS, RAY VINCENT IS HERE FROM THE SCHOOLS.  
9 WE HAD THE LOWEST NUMBER OF FATALITIES, EVEN THOUGH EACH ONE  
10 IS A TRAGEDY. AND WE STILL HAVE AN UNACCEPTABLE NUMBER OF  
11 DEATHS, POST CO-SLEEPING. AND WE WILL BE ADDRESSING THAT  
12 SEPARATELY ON MAY 12TH. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **BEVERLY KURTZ:** I'M BEVERLY KURTZ AND I'VE CHAIRED THE POSTER  
15 CONTEST FOR ALL THESE YEARS. AND I WANT TO THANK DEANNE FOR  
16 THE WONDERFUL WORDS SHE SAID. I DO WANT TO ADD THAT SINCE I  
17 STARTED CHAIRING IT, OVER 18,000 CHILDREN HAVE PARTICIPATED IN  
18 THE POSTER CONTEST. AND IT'S FROM SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE  
19 COUNTY, FROM LANCASTER AND PALMDALE TO REDONDO BEACH AND  
20 TORRANCE AND CERRITOS AND SAN GABRIEL AND LOS ANGELES AND  
21 NORTHRIDGE. SO IT'S ALL OVER THE COUNTY. AND IT'S OUR PUBLIC  
22 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO GIVE STUDENTS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOW THEY  
23 CAN BE SAFE AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR. AND WE TAKE WHAT COMES OUT  
24 OF THE I.C.A.N. COUNCIL AND THEIR INTERESTS AND THEIR  
25 GUIDELINES AND USE THOSE IN THE GUIDELINES FOR THE TEACHERS.



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1 HOT ON THE PRESS RIGHT NOW IN PRINTING ARE SAFETY TIPS FOR  
2 NEWBORNS, TUMMY TIME IS AWAKE TIME, AND PUTTING INFANTS ON  
3 THEIR BACKS TO SLEEP. WE INCLUDED THOSE IN THE GUIDELINES, AND  
4 SOME OF THE TEACHERS INCLUDED IT. SO KIDS ARE BEING AWARE,  
5 TOO, OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND. AND THE POSTERS SPEAK FOR  
6 THEMSELVES. THE KIDS ARE TALENTED ARTISTS AND THEY HAVE  
7 SOMETHING TO SAY. SO COME CLOSE TO THE MICROPHONE. BRING THE  
8 POSTERS UP. SO THEIR TEACHERS, THE STUDENTS AND PRINCIPALS ARE  
9 UP HERE. SO VERY LOUD.

10

11 **STUDENTS:** APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. WE HOPE OUR  
12 POSTERS [INAUDIBLE] [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **BEVERLY KURTZ:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR  
15 BEING THE JUDGE THIS YEAR AND THE SUPPORT OF I.C.A.N. AND THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TRISH PLOEHN, THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY  
17 AND CHILDREN SERVICES, WAS ALSO ONE OF OUR JUDGES THIS YEAR AS  
18 WELL AS DEANNE TILTON, AND THEN A NUMBER OF ARTISTS IN THE  
19 COMMUNITY AND ART INSTITUTION DIRECTORS. SO THANK YOU VERY  
20 MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, ALL. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG  
23 ROUND OF APPLAUSE AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD.  
24 THANK YOU. THANK YOU, THANK YOU. DEANNE? ALL RIGHT. HE WAS UP  
25 HERE EARLIER, I'M GOING TO ASK OUR GOOD DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE



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1 HONORABLE STEVE COOLEY TO JOIN US AND DONNA WILLS OF THE  
2 VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO CHILD ABUSE  
3 MONTH, THIS IS ALSO NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, APRIL 26TH  
4 THROUGH MAY 2ND. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS "25 YEARS OF  
5 REBUILDING LIVES: CELEBRATING THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT." THE  
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
7 ARE HONORING ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE  
8 SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN ASSISTING VICTIMS, ACHIEVING  
9 JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS AND ALSO ADVANCING VICTIMS' RIGHTS. SO ON  
10 BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO  
11 PRESENT DONNA AND STEVE WITH A SCROLL AND RECOGNITION OF CRIME  
12 VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK AND SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **STEVE COOLEY:** I'D LIKE TO FIRST OF ALL ACKNOWLEDGE DONNA WILLS  
16 AND HER GREAT WORK AS THE DIRECTOR OF OUR VICTIM-WITNESS  
17 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND SHE HAS SOME OF OUR DEDICATED  
18 ADVOCATES HERE TODAY. WOULD THEY PLEASE STAND AND BE  
19 RECOGNIZED FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK THEY DO ALL YEAR LONG?

20 [APPLAUSE.] THE YEAR 2009 MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
21 FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT REALLY DEVELOPED A CONTEXT FOR THE  
22 VICTIM RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND THIS PROGRAM THAT OUR OFFICE HAS,  
23 ALONG WITH OTHER PROSECUTORIAL OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.  
24 A GREAT MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED THE LAST 25 YEARS TO ADVANCE  
25 VICTIMS' RIGHTS WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND I'M





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1 VERY, VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY D.A.'S  
2 OFFICE, OVER THE YEARS, STARTING WITH D.A. JOHN VAN DECAMP,  
3 HAS LED THE WAY AND BEEN A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE NATION.  
4 SO WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF IN THE L.A. COUNTY'S D.A.  
5 OFFICE AND HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHEN IT COMES TO  
6 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND HOW WE'VE PROGRESSED, ADVANCING GOOD  
7 PRACTICES AND SERVICE TO VICTIMS SO THAT WE CAN TRULY REBUILD  
8 THEIR LIVES AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY CRIME. THANK  
9 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE NOW HAVE ANOTHER RETIREMENT  
12 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND WITH US THIS MORNING  
13 IS GAIL FARBER, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALONG  
14 WITH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CHUCK ADAMS AND DEPUTY DIRECTORS,  
15 DIEGO CARDENA, PAT DESCHELLES, JACOB WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT  
16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BILL WINTER, FRED GUIDO, DEBBY HUGHES, JOHN  
17 KELLY AND DEAN LEHMAN. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BID FAREWELL TO  
18 BILL HIGLEY, WHO IS HERE WITH HIS WIFE, GERI. AFTER 36 YEARS  
19 AS ONE OF THE KEY ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 PUBLIC WORKS. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE COUNTY FLOOD  
21 CONTROL DISTRICT AS A CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, AND THEN  
22 ADVANCED THROUGH THE RANKS TO HIS PRESENT POSITION AS DEPUTY  
23 DIRECTOR. HE WAS ONE OF THE KEY ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERS DURING  
24 THE STORM SEASONS, WAS ON THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY  
25 ENHANCEMENT TEAM, A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS



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1 ASSOCIATION. AN EXCEPTIONAL LEADER WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO  
2 HELP OUT AND BRING THE BEST OUT OF OTHERS. HE'S STEADY, NEVER  
3 LOSES HIS COMPOSURE, WAS UNPARALLELED IN PEOPLE SKILLS AND  
4 ALWAYS HAD A KIND AND POSITIVE WORD FOR ALL OF THOSE THAT HE  
5 MET. SO, BILL, AFTER 36 YEARS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP  
6 AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR RETIREMENT. IT'S GOOD  
7 TO BE WORKING WITH YOU THESE YEARS, AND I WANT TO THANK PAUL  
8 NOVAK. AND THEN PRIOR TO PAUL NOVAK WAS DAVID BENATTA. AND  
9 PRIOR TO THAT WE HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CLOSELY  
10 TOGETHER. AND SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]  
11 LET ME HAVE GAIL, GET IN HERE. LET'S DO IT AGAIN. BEFORE WE  
12 ASK BILL TO SPEAK, COULD WE HAVE THE DIRECTOR, GAIL FARBER,  
13 SAY A FEW WORDS?

14

15 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S A PRIVILEGE AND AN  
16 HONOR JUST TO CONGRATULATE AND TO RECOGNIZE BILL HIGLEY FOR  
17 ALL OF HIS YEARS OF SERVICE. HE'S JUST AN OUTSTANDING ROLE  
18 MODEL. HE BRINGS SUCH PRESENCE TO THE ORGANIZATION. HIS  
19 LEADERSHIP, I JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF  
20 THINGS THAT ARE UNDER HIS CONTROL. AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS  
21 HIM. BUT WE WISH HIM THE BEST IN HIS RETIREMENT. AND ON BEHALF  
22 OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO HIM AND HIS WIFE,  
23 GERI. [APPLAUSE.]

24



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1 **BILL HIGLEY:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND BOARD  
2 OF SUPERVISORS AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GAIL  
3 FARBER, AND ALL MY COLLEAGUES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
4 WHO HAVE BEEN SUCH A SUPPORT TO ME AND INSPIRATION TO ME OVER  
5 THE YEARS. I DON'T KNOW WHERE ALL THOSE 36 YEARS WENT. THEY  
6 WENT BY SO QUICK. BUT MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE CONSTITUENTS IN  
7 L.A. COUNTY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY POSITIVE AND REWARDING FOR  
8 ME. MY INTERACTIONS WITH THE FAMILY OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAS  
9 ALWAYS BEEN STRONG AND I'M VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN A COUNTY  
10 EMPLOYEE AND HAD A CAREER WITH THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY  
11 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME SEVERAL GUESTS  
14 HERE IN PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH.  
15 DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, KAREN  
16 FINELLO, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT A.B.C., JERRY LUBIN  
17 AND DR. BILL ARROYO. WE ALL KNOW THAT MENTAL HEALTH AFFECTS 1  
18 IN 5 AMERICANS EVERY YEAR AND CO-OCCURRENCE OF MENTAL  
19 ILLNESSES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A VERY MAJOR CONCERN AND  
20 REQUIRES AN INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM. NOW,  
21 OUR COUNTY HAS MADE A VERY STRONG COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY-  
22 BASED SYSTEMS OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS.  
23 THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT OF GENERAL HEALTH AND IS  
24 INDISPENSABLE TO PERSONAL WELL-BEING, FAMILY AND INTERPERSONAL  
25 RELATIONSHIPS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH



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1 COMMISSION, ALONG WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
2 HEALTH, HAVE JOINED WITH THE BOARD IN A FOCUSED EFFORT TO  
3 RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH AND  
4 MENTAL ILLNESSES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2009. THE DEPARTMENT  
5 AND COMMISSION WILL BE COSPONSORING THE ANNUAL RECOGNITION  
6 AWARD IN MAY. AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTY  
7 WILL HOLD SPECIAL EVENTS IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. WE WILL ALSO  
8 BE CLAIMING NEXT WEEK, MAY 7TH AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL  
9 ILLNESS AWARENESS DAY THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. AND THIS IS AN  
10 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITIES AND THEIR  
11 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
12 DELIVERY FOR OUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS  
13 AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO WE ARE NOW GOING TO SHOW A THREE-MINUTE  
14 HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL  
15 HEALTH AWARENESS DAY. IT'S NOT ON, I DON'T THINK. OKAY, THERE  
16 YOU GO.

17  
18 **SPEAKER:** JACOB IS MY GRANDSON, BIG BROTHER TO MICHAEL WHO IS  
19 FOUR YEARS OLD, AND TRISTAN, 18 MONTHS OLD. EVEN AT FOUR YEARS  
20 OLD, HE WAS A SELF-APPOINTED BIG BROTHER, ALWAYS CONCERNED  
21 WITH THE WELL-BEING OF HIS BROTHERS. I BELIEVE THE REASON FOR  
22 HIS CONCERN MAY HAVE BEEN THAT HE SAW HOSTILITY AND  
23 EXPERIENCED NEGLECT. HIS PARENTS YELLING AT EACH OTHER,  
24 PUSHING AND SHOVING, HIM MISSING SCHOOL AND WAKING UP AT NIGHT  
25 LOOKING FOR HIS PARENTS. EVEN NOW, WHEN THE PHONE RINGS OR A



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1 CAR PASSES BY HONKING, HE ASKS: WHAT HAPPENED? THEIR FATHER,  
2 MY SON ALEXANDER, AND HIS GIRLFRIEND BOTH SOUGHT ESCAPE AND  
3 JOY IN DRUGS, WHICH WAS THE REASON THE CHILDREN DIDN'T COME  
4 FIRST IN THEIR LIVES. D.C.F.S. CAME INTO THE PICTURE, AND I,  
5 THEIR 59-YEAR-OLD GRANDMOTHER, WAS GIVEN TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF  
6 THE THREE BOYS. WE WERE OFFERED SUPPORT THROUGH PROJECT  
7 A.B.C., AND I CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE, REALIZING AND HOPING THAT  
8 THE FUTURE FOR THESE CHILDREN WOULD BE BETTER BECAUSE OF IT.  
9 MICHAEL, JACOB'S YOUNGER BROTHER, HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH  
10 AUTISM. I FIRST REALIZED THAT HE HAD SPECIAL NEEDS WHEN HE WAS  
11 A YEAR OLD, AND I TRIED TO GET HIS ATTENTION, BUT HE DIDN'T  
12 HAVE THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW MY VOICE OR MY HAND. HE LINED UP  
13 HIS TOYS IN A STRAIGHT LINE AND NEVER SPOKE, BUT HE WAS ALSO  
14 VERY SMART. THE DOCTOR AT PROJECT A.B.C. ASSISTED ME WITH THE  
15 SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO HIM THROUGH THE REGIONAL CENTER.  
16 HE IS STILL IN PRESCHOOL, BUT HE HAS PERFECT SCHOOL  
17 ATTENDANCE. HIS TEACHER JUST RECENTLY SAID "HE ALWAYS COMES TO  
18 SCHOOL SO CLEAN NOW." HE IS ALSO VERY AFFECTIONATE. MY MICHAEL  
19 IS THE APPLE OF MY EYE. PROJECT A.B.C. CONTINUES TO HAVE A  
20 POSITIVE IMPACT ON THIS FAMILY. JACOB IS NOW ABLE TO  
21 COMMUNICATE BETTER, HE DOESN'T WAKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE  
22 NIGHT ANYMORE, AND HE IS BECOMING HIS OWN PERSON. BUT I AM  
23 STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN HE WILL STOP ASKING  
24 "WHAT HAPPENED?" I, TOO, HAVE BENEFITED. EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T  
25 BEEN ABLE TO DO MANY OF THE THINGS I USED TO DO AND OFTEN MAY



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1 HAVE FELT OVERWHELMED, THE FACT THAT I CAN SEE MY  
2 GRANDCHILDREN CONFIDENT, ENJOYING THEIR LIFE AND BEING ABLE TO  
3 PLAY WITH OTHER CHILDREN MAKES IT ALL WORTH IT. MY SON, ALEX,  
4 NOW HAS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD D.C.F.S. AND BELIEVES THAT  
5 IT MOTIVATED HIM TO BECOME A BETTER PERSON AND A BETTER FATHER  
6 TO HIS SONS. THE CHILDREN, THEIR FATHER, AND I CAN NOW SEE THE  
7 LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL, BEING HELD BY PROJECT A.B.C. I  
8 WANT TO ENCOURAGE OTHER FAMILIES THAT THERE IS NO SHAME IN  
9 ACCEPTING ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE FROM PROFESSIONALS. IT'S A  
10 SHAME IF YOU DON'T, BECAUSE THEY CAN HELP. THEIR HAND IS NOT  
11 THERE TO POINT, BUT TO LIFT.

12

13 **SINGER:** LOOKING THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE. AND NOW I DO  
14 BELIEVE. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME MAKE A SCROLL PRESENTATION  
17 TO MENTAL HEALTH. LET'S DO A PICTURE AND THEN SAY A FEW WORDS.

18

19 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
20 THE BOARD FOR THE SUPPORT, FOR THE RECOGNITION OF MAY AS  
21 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF  
22 INTERVENING EARLY IN THE PROCESS OF MENTAL ILLNESS, AS SEEN IN  
23 THIS VIDEO. AND AS I THINK YOU WILL RECOGNIZE FROM THE VIDEO,  
24 THAT MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE LIVES OF  
25 CHILDREN REQUIRES PARTNERSHIP. THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT





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1 CANNOT DO THAT ALONE. WE NEED TO DO IT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
2 COMMUNITY, WITH AGENCIES LIKE D.C.F.S., CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE  
3 INTERNATIONAL, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, AND THE OTHER PARTNERS IN  
4 THE PROJECT A.B.C. PROJECT A.B.C. IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY  
5 THINGS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO TO PREVENT MENTAL ILLNESS FROM  
6 DISABLING PEOPLE. WE HOPE TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF HOPE, OF  
7 WELLNESS AND RECOVERY FROM MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE LIVES OF ALL  
8 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD  
9 FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **JERRY LUBIN:** I'M JERRY LUBIN, CHAIR OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
12 COMMISSION. AND I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING  
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WHO APPOINTED ME, BECAUSE IT GIVES ME  
14 AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK. I'M A FAMILY MEMBER. MY DAUGHTER,  
15 YEARS AGO, WAS A CLIENT OF THIS COUNTY AND OF THE STATE  
16 HOSPITAL SYSTEM. SHE GOT OUT IN 14 MONTHS AFTER A PROGNOSIS  
17 THAT SHE'D PROBABLY BE INSTITUTIONALIZED FOR THE REST OF HER  
18 LIFE. THIS BOARD HAS REALLY COME THROUGH FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 MENTAL HEALTH, SAVING IT FROM CUTS THAT HAVE BEEN  
20 UNFORTUNATELY FORCED UPON ALMOST EVERY DEPARTMENT AND EVERY  
21 WAY IN WHICH THE COUNTY PROVIDES SERVICES. DURING THESE  
22 CRITICAL TIMES, WHICH ARE LIKELY TO GET WORSE AFTER MAY 19TH,  
23 WE WILL ALL BE LOOKING AGAIN TO THE BOARD FOR ITS SUPPORT AND  
24 TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE IN RECOGNITION NOT ONLY OF MENTAL  
25 HEALTH MONTH BUT ITS MENTAL HEALTH EVERY DAY THAT WE ARE



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1 CONCERNED, PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT.

2 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE A ROTARIAN  
5 INTERNATIONAL GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH SPECIAL  
6 ROTARIANS FROM NANCY, FRANCE, WHO ARE HERE THIS MORNING.  
7 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IS THE WORLD'S FIRST SERVICE CLUB  
8 ORGANIZATION. ITS MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION MEMBERS VOLUNTEER  
9 THEIR TIME AND TALENT TO FURTHER THE ROTARY MOTTO, "SERVICE  
10 ABOVE SELF." AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THIS ORGANIZATION,  
11 ROTARIANS INTERNATIONAL, BY POOLING TOGETHER ALL THEIR LITTLE  
12 RESOURCES, WERE ABLE TO ERADICATE POLIO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
13 AND THAT WAS THEIR PROJECT. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL QUOTED  
14 "THIS WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL HEALTH PROGRAM THAT ANY  
15 ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT HAD EVER DONE," WHERE THEY TOOK  
16 UPON THEMSELVES AN ABILITY WITH THE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP  
17 FUNDRAISING APPARATUS, TO RAISE THE REVENUES AND ERADICATE  
18 POLIO. WELL NOW THIS PROGRAM THAT THEY HAVE TODAY IS AN  
19 EXCHANGE PROGRAM, WHICH IS A UNIQUE CULTURAL, LOCATIONAL  
20 EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS PEOPLE AND PROFESSIONALS.  
21 THE MEMBERS FROM FRANCE EXPERIENCE THE HOST COUNTRY'S CULTURE  
22 AND INSTITUTIONS, THEY OBSERVE HOW THEIR VOCATIONS AND  
23 PRACTICES ABROAD, DEVELOP PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL  
24 RELATIONSHIPS AND EXCHANGE IDEAS. TWO OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR  
25 HOST CLUB ARE FROM THE GLENDALE ROTARY, TOM AND RALA LINDSAY.



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1 TOM, AN ARCHITECT, RALA, A PROFESSOR. THEY BROUGHT FIVE GROUP  
2 STUDY EXCHANGE MEMBERS FROM FRANCE, CORDULA HILDEBRANT, MAUDE  
3 PORTIER, FLORENT RENAQ, SEBASTIAN TIENGIN AND COLIN CHERTS.  
4 AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR WELCOME TO THEM. WE ARE ALL INDEBTED  
5 TO ONE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN HISTORY, A FRENCHMAN BY THE MAN  
6 ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE, WHO WROTE A WONDERFUL BOOK CALLED  
7 DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA, WHICH POINTED OUT THE CHARACTERISTICS  
8 THAT AMERICA HAD FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD. I'M PROUD TO SAY  
9 THAT BOOK IS STILL BEING USED IN OUR SCHOOLS ACROSS THE NATION  
10 TODAY BECAUSE OF THE INTELLECTUAL INSIGHT THAT HE HAD. SO LET  
11 ME GIVE YOU THESE PROCLAMATIONS, AND THEN WE'LL ASK TOM AND  
12 RALA TO SAY A FEW WORDS. SO FLORENT?

13

14 **RALA LINDSAY:** THANK YOU, ALL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
15 ANTONOVICH. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE KNOW THAT  
16 WE COME EVERY YEAR. OUR SUPERVISOR GRACIOUSLY WELCOMES OUR  
17 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE, THIS YEAR FROM FRANCE. IT'S OUR GREAT  
18 PRIVILEGE TO HELP FORWARD INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND WE  
19 GET TO LEARN A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER. THANK YOU  
20 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, DO YOU HAVE AN ANIMAL?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE LITTLE ABBIE HERE. ABBIE IS EIGHT  
25 WEEKS OLD LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HOME. HER NAME IS ABBIE. A



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1 LITTLE SHEPHERD MIX. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE ABBIE? I  
2 KNOW DR. THOMAS WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HER AND MAKE HER PART OF  
3 THE MASCOT FOR N.A.A.C.P., YEAH? SO, ANYWAY, LITTLE ABBIE IS  
4 LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. COMES WITH A  
5 NICE LITTLE COLLAR.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING -- AND DO WE  
10 HAVE OUR PARKS HERE ARE HERE, THEY ARE SOMEWHERE HERE. IT'S MY  
11 HONOR THIS MORNING, I AM JOINED BY QUITE A FEW PEOPLE, BUT IN  
12 PARTICULAR DAVID AND RACHEL KRAFT. THEY, AS WELL AS SOME OF  
13 OUR FOLKS, ARE GOING TO BE COMING UP IN A MINUTE. WE'RE  
14 PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE DAVID AND RACHEL. THEY'RE VERY, VERY  
15 SPECIAL FOLKS. THEY ARE THE FOUNDERS OF THE BELVEDERE PARK  
16 YOUTH FISHING CLUB. OVER 12 YEARS AGO, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF  
17 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, THE  
18 KRAFTS ESTABLISHED THE CLUB TO SERVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN EAST LOS  
19 ANGELES. RECENTLY, THE CLUB WAS FEATURED IN THE FISH TACO  
20 CHRONICLES, WHICH IS A PROMINENT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPORTS  
21 FISHING MAGAZINE. THE BELVEDERE FISHING CLUB PROVIDES FUN, A  
22 NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR MANY OF OUR LOCAL YOUNGSTERS TO  
23 ENGAGE IN THE SPORT OF FISHING. CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE FISHING  
24 SUPPLIES AND THEY PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATIONAL FISHING  
25 EXCURSIONS WHERE THEY LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERS OF SEA LIFE, THE



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1 PLANETS, THE OCEAN AND OF COURSE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. THE  
2 FISHING CLUB ALSO PROVIDES THOUSANDS OF TOYS AND FISHING POLES  
3 FOR OUR KIDS IN EAST LOS ANGELES THROUGH THE ANNUAL BELVEDERE  
4 PARK HOLIDAY TOY GIVE AWAY. ALSO, THE KRAFTS ARE RESPONSIBLE  
5 FOR COORDINATING THE WELL-KNOWN BELVEDERE PARK LAKE FISHING  
6 DERBY. THERE IS A LAKE IN EAST L.A., BELIEVE IT OR NOT.  
7 [LAUGHTER.] WHERE HUNDREDS OF YOUNG, EAGER FISHERMEN COME  
8 TOGETHER AND THEY COMPETE FOR THE BIGGEST CATCH. TODAY, WE'RE  
9 VERY PROUD TO HONOR DAVID AND RACHEL, ALONG WITH OUR PARKS  
10 FOLKS. RUSS IS HERE, RUSS GUINEY, THEY'VE BEEN A PART OF IT.  
11 AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE PARK, BELVEDERE PARK YOUTH FISHING CLUB  
12 FOR ITS WORTHY EFFORTS, AS WELL. THEY HAVE BEEN DOING  
13 TREMENDOUS WORK. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM. NOT ALL OF THEM ARE  
14 HERE. MANY OF THEM ARE IN SCHOOL. BUT BECAUSE OF THE  
15 LEADERSHIP OF THIS WONDERFUL COUPLE, WE ARE SO PROUD TO HAVE  
16 YOU HERE TO HONOR YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS WORK THAT YOU DO.  
17 RACHEL, CONGRATULATIONS. DAVID, GOOD JOB.

18

19 **DAVID KRAFT:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WANT TO SHARE A COUPLE WORDS? I'M GOING TO ASK  
22 DAVID TO SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN I'M GOING TO INVITE RUSS UP  
23 IN A MINUTE.

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1   **DAVID KRAFT:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK GLORIA MOLINA,  
2   SUPERVISOR, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING US TO  
3   COME. AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO COME HERE, AND EDUCATIONAL. THESE  
4   KIDS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT THE CLUB. I TAKE THEM  
5   TO THE OCEAN, OVERNIGHT CAMPING, FISHING, TO SEE THEM WHEN  
6   THEY CATCH THEIR FIRST FISH ON THE BOAT. FIRST THEY TURN  
7   GREEN, THEY TURN BLUE. AND THEN AFTER A WHILE WHEN THEY CATCH  
8   THE FIRST FISH, I TURN AROUND, BECAUSE I KNOW WHO'S GETTING  
9   SICK, KEEP MY EYE ON THEM. AND THEY DROP IN A BURRITO AND  
10   EATING. AND THEN THEY'RE AFTER ANOTHER FISH. IT'S SUCH A  
11   POSITIVE CLUB. I HAVE A COUPLE THAT WENT TO IRAQ, CAME BACK.  
12   THEY BROUGHT THEIR PARENTS OVER TO THE HOUSE AND GAVE ME A HUG  
13   FOR HAVING A POSITIVE CLUB FOR THE COMMUNITY. ONE OF THEM, I  
14   TOOK THEM TO A COLLEGE ON THE BUS. THEY WERE ABOUT TO  
15   GRADUATE, SO I TOOK THEM ON THE TOUR OVER THERE AND ONE OF  
16   THEM BECAME A BIOLOGIST AND THE OTHER ONE JOINED THE  
17   CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. IT'S A VERY POSITIVE CLUB. WE NEED  
18   TO RECOGNIZE THE GOOD KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ALL WE HEAR IS  
19   ABOUT THE OTHER KIND. BUT THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD KIDS. AND IT  
20   IS GOOD TO TAKE THEM OUT AND SEE THEM ENJOYING THEMSELVES. I  
21   REALLY THANK THE BOARD FOR INVITING US. THANK YOU. I'M SHORT  
22   OF WORDS, BUT THANK YOU. THANK YOU, GLORIA. [APPLAUSE.]  
23  
24   **SUP. MOLINA:** AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP  
25   THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR ALL OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A NUMBER





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1 OF YEARS. LET ME ALSO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE TO THE CLUB ITSELF  
2 FOR THE GREAT WORK THAT THEY DO. THERE ARE SO MANY MEMBERS.  
3 THEY ALL ENJOY IT. AND AS THEY GROW OLDER, THEY ALL COME BACK  
4 AND HELP WITH THE YOUNGER KIDS, RIGHT? THEY PROVIDE A LOT OF  
5 MENTORING, AS WELL. SO THAT'S GOING ON. SO, RACHEL, SO YOU  
6 PRESENT THAT TO ALL OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THIS IS FOR THE CLUB  
7 ITSELF. BUT I'M ALSO ASKING RUSS TO COME UP AND JOIN US.  
8 THEY'VE HAD GREAT SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT, ALL THE PEOPLE  
9 THAT WORK THERE, ALL THE FOLKS AT BELVEDERE PARK, EVERYWHERE.  
10 AND SO WE REALLY ENJOY IT. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND  
11 THANK YOU, AS WELL, FOR SPONSORING THEM AND SUPPORTING THEM.  
12 SO WHY DON'T YOU SHARE A FEW WORDS?

13

14 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS,  
15 FISHING HAS BEEN A MEANS OF SURVIVAL FOR HUMAN BEINGS. AND OF  
16 COURSE THE FOOD PRODUCT TODAY IS STILL IMPORTANT, BUT MORE  
17 IMPORTANT IS THE SURVIVAL OF OUR VERY SOULS OF OUR YOUNG  
18 PEOPLE AND THEIR SPIRITS IN THIS TOUGH URBAN WORLD THAT WE  
19 LIVE IN. AND WE HAVE 14 LAKES THROUGHOUT THE PARK SYSTEM. WE  
20 HAVE MANY FISHING PROGRAMS. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST. AND IT'S  
21 ONE OF THE BEST BECAUSE OF THE STAFF AND BECAUSE OF WHAT THE  
22 KRAFTS DO. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE ORTILLA VASQUEZ AND PETER  
23 MARTINEZ FROM OUR STAFF, MARTIN RASCON AND FRANK GONZALEZ FOR  
24 WHAT THEY DO. AND ESPECIALLY TO DAVID AND RACHEL FOR THE GREAT  
25 OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY'VE GIVEN THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE



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1 SUCCESS STORIES THAT DAVID HAS TALKED ABOUT. SOMETHING AS  
2 SIMPLE AS FISHING CAN CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES. SO THANK YOU VERY  
3 MUCH AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO DO PUBLIC HEARINGS, BUT  
6 BEFORE WE DO THAT, I JUST WANT TO LET EVERYONE KNOW, WE WILL  
7 HAVE A PRESENTATION AT 1:00 THIS AFTERNOON ON THE SWINE FLU  
8 ISSUE AND THE STATE OF READINESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I  
9 ALSO AM GOING TO BRING A MOTION IN RIGHT NOW TO BE PART OF THE  
10 DISCUSSION AT 1:00. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, THE UNITED STATES  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DECLARED A NATIONWIDE  
12 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO RECENT HUMAN CASES OF A  
13 NEWLY DISCOVERED SWINE INFLUENZA A VIRUS. THIS DECLARATION  
14 WILL HELP THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PREPARE FOR PREVENTION AND  
15 MITIGATION ACTIVITIES, TO BE PROACTIVE IN RESPONDING TO THIS  
16 NEW VIRUS. PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE, THE COUNTY HAS THE  
17 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A SIMILAR DECLARATION SO AS TO ALLOW IT TO  
18 RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE  
19 CITIZENS OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT  
20 AS THIS HEALTH EMERGENCY CAME TO THIS BOARD'S ATTENTION, SINCE  
21 THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA AND IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY TO  
22 ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS, THE BOARD DISCUSS THIS  
23 MATTER, CONSIDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION,  
24 INCLUDING A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY ON AN  
25 URGENCY BASIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT



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1 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THEN WE WILL DISCUSS IN DETAIL THE  
2 SITUATION AT 1:00 THIS AFTERNOON. OKAY, THANK YOU. WE WILL  
3 BEGIN WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ITEMS 1  
6 THROUGH 10, ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD,  
7 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE  
8 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY  
9 AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE  
10 TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ITEM NO.  
11 1, THIS IS A HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PETITIONS TO COUNTY  
12 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
13 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND THE LEVYING OF  
14 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR STREET LIGHTING  
15 PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT  
16 STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE A DEPARTMENT  
19 STATEMENT AND THEN A COUPLE FOLKS HAVE SIGNED UP TO COMMENT.

20

21 **DAVID STRINGER:** CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
22 DAVID STRINGER AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE  
24 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
25 DISTRICT OF 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS LLA-1,



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1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF  
2 ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TERRITORIES IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER  
3 WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
4 VALINDA, SOUTH WHITTIER, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, LA CRESCENT, AND  
5 GORMAN. IN MY OPINION, THESE TERRITORIES WILL BE BENEFITED BY  
6 THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AND THE  
7 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
8 BENEFIT. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE  
9 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT  
10 TAXING AGENCIES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT OKAY?

13

14 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** THAT'S FINE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL OPEN FOR PUBLIC HEARING. GOD  
17 KNOWS I WOULDN'T WANT TO GO ACROSS THE COUNTY COUNSEL. JUST BE  
18 GENTLE AND KIND. MICHAEL DAHLEM AND JAMES PAUL, IF YOU WOULD  
19 COME FORWARD, PLEASE?

20

21 **MICHAEL DAHLEM:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL, MY  
22 NAME IS MICHAEL DAHLEM, AND I RESIDE ON ONE OF THE STREETS  
23 THAT'S PROPOSED TO BE LIGHTED. GIVEN THE STATE OF THE BUDGET  
24 CRISIS IN CALIFORNIA AND HERE IN PARTICULAR, I LIVED ON THIS  
25 STREET FOR 42 YEARS. AND IT'S A SMALL FEEDER STREET. IT



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1 DOESN'T REALLY HAVE NECESSITY FOR THE AMOUNT OF LIGHTING WHICH  
2 IS GOING TO BE EIGHT LIGHTS ON OUR STREET. WE DON'T REALLY  
3 NEED SIDEWALKS. IT'S A VERY SMALL STREET LOCATED BETWEEN TWO  
4 MAJOR STREETS THAT ARE BOTH WELL-LIT, BOTH HAVE SIDEWALKS. AND  
5 I KNOW WE'D PROBABLY PUT SOME PEOPLE TO WORK FOR A COUPLE  
6 MONTHS PUTTING THE LIGHTS IN AND EVERYTHING, BUT THOSE LIGHTS  
7 WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE POWER GRID FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED  
8 YEARS. I UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE THINK THAT LIGHTING THE  
9 STREETS IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT NOT EVERYBODY WANTS THE NIGHT  
10 TURNED INTO DAY. WE HAVE PORCH LIGHTS ON OUR PORCHES. IF WE  
11 NEED LIGHTING, I THINK THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON CAN PROVIDE FOR  
12 THAT WELL ENOUGH WITHOUT THE CITY HAVING TO PUT 8 LIGHTS OVER  
13 OUR HEAD WITH THE LIGHTING, WIRING THAT'S NEEDED AND BASICALLY  
14 TAKING THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF PEOPLE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A  
15 SMALL LITTLE SPOT OF LAND, IT'S STILL A PERSON'S PRIVATE  
16 PROPERTY. LIKE I SAY, IF WE HAD A LOT OF CRIME IN OUR  
17 NEIGHBORHOOD, I COULD SEE THE NEED FOR IT. BUT IN THE TIME  
18 THAT I'VE LIVED THERE WE HAVEN'T HAD HARDLY ANY INCIDENCES OF  
19 VANDALISM OR VIOLENT CRIME OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SO WHAT  
20 WE'RE LOOKING AT BASICALLY IS PUTTING IT INTO A SMALL  
21 NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DOESN'T REALLY NEED IT. AND WHAT I'M TRYING  
22 TO DO IS -- ANY PROJECT THAT'S NOT NECESSARY IN THIS DAY AND  
23 AGE, I THINK WE SHOULD REALLY TAKE A HARD LOOK AT SAYING: DO  
24 WE NEED TO DO IT NOW? OR CAN WE PUT IT OFF? THERE'S JUST NO  
25 NEED TO SPEND THE MONEY. I KNOW IT'S NOT QUITE A LOT OF MONEY



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1 COMPARED TO THE MILLIONS THAT COULD BE SPENT. BUT THIS IS  
2 ANOTHER DROP IN THE BUCKET THAT I THINK COULD BE SPENT  
3 SOMEWHERE BETTER ELSE THAN LIGHTING AN ALREADY WELL-LIT  
4 STREET.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR?

7

8 **JAMES PAUL:** PARDON ME, IT'S REALLY HARD FOR ME TO SPEAK TO  
9 PEOPLE ON A NORMAL BASIS. BUT I CAME IN FROM ALBUQUERQUE, NEW  
10 MEXICO IN '97. AND I'VE BEEN TAKING PICTURES OF STREETLIGHTS  
11 THAT ARE ON ALL DAY LONG THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
12 FROM THROUGHOUT FONTANA, REALTO, RIVERSIDE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD,  
13 WEST L.A., ALL OVER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I USED TO INSTALL  
14 CARPET FOR LOWES. AND I HAVE 88.9 HOURS OF VIDEO STRAIGHT  
15 STREETLIGHTS ON ALL DAY LONG FROM '97 TO 2004. WELL, THEY  
16 TURNED THEM OFF, MOST OF THEM, BUT NOW THEY'RE IN FRONT OF  
17 CERTAIN SCHOOLS AND ON FREEWAYS AND ON ARTESIA, AND ARTESIA  
18 AND 91, ON FIGUEROA AND 110, WHERE I WAS THE OTHER DAY.  
19 THERE'S JUST NUMEROUS LIGHTS THAT ARE STILL ON DURING THE DAY  
20 WHILE WE'RE IN A FISCAL CRISIS AND MONEY IS BEING SPENT  
21 UNWISELY. WE SHOULD BE, LIKE THE KIDS, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS  
22 DURING THE DAY WHEN YOU LEAVE THE ROOM. WELL WE SHOULD LEAVE  
23 THE LIGHTS OFF DURING THE DAY ON OUR STREETS. UNNECESSARY  
24 STREETLIGHTS THAT LAMP UP THE LIGHT, THEY'RE ON ALL DAY LONG.  
25 AND THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS. I'VE GOT





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1 DOCUMENTED PROOF. I GOT CDS, I GOT PICTURES TO PROVE IT IF YOU  
2 WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I HAVE. I HAVE PICTURES.

3

4 **MICHAEL DAHLEM:** WE JUST FEEL THAT IF WE CAN'T CONTROL -- IT'S  
5 RIDICULOUS TO HAVE A STREETLIGHT ON DURING THE DAYTIME. AND IF  
6 THAT'S GOING ON, LIKE HE SAYS, HE HAS QUITE A LOT OF  
7 DOCUMENTATION THAT DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY STREETLIGHTS  
8 ARE BURNING BRIGHT WASTING ELECTRICITY. I DON'T WANT TO SEE  
9 THAT HAPPEN ON MY STREET. IT WOULD DRIVE HIM CRAZY. SO I THINK  
10 IF WE CAN'T REALLY GET A HANDLE ON STREETLIGHTS THAT ARE  
11 BURNING DAY AND NIGHT, THEN WE DON'T NEED TO BE ADDING ANYMORE  
12 STREETLIGHTS TO AN ALREADY OVERBURDENED POWER GRID. AND IT'S  
13 JUST MONEY BETTER SPENT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

14

15 **JAMES PAUL:** AND I'VE BEEN WATCHING THE NEWS WHERE IT'S  
16 CONSERVE ENERGY, YOU KNOW, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS. WELL, WE HAVE  
17 THEM ALL OVER OUR STREETS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

20

21 **MICHAEL DAHLEM:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE  
24 DEPARTMENT TO AT LEAST SOMEONE FROM PUBLIC WORKS THAT MIGHT BE  
25 HERE TO VISIT WITH THIS GENTLEMAN AND MAYBE GET SOME OF THAT



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1 INFORMATION BECAUSE HE BRINGS UP A VERY VALID POINT. AND WE  
2 SHOULD NOT BE BURNING STREETLIGHTS DURING THE DAY. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **JAMES PAUL:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO DO WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM PUBLIC WORKS  
7 HERE THAT COULD VISIT WITH THIS GENTLEMAN?

8

9 **DAVID STRINGER:** I WILL. I HAVE AND I WILL CONTINUE TALKING  
10 WITH HIM.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. OKAY.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THIS ITEM IT WOULD BE  
15 APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE  
16 TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE  
17 MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE WILL TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE BALLOTS  
21 ARE COUNTED. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS A HEARING ON ANNEXATION  
24 OF APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY  
25 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND 1697 IN COUNTY LIGHT



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2 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR  
3 STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010. THERE IS A  
4 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

7

8 **DAVID STRINGER:** CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. AGAIN MY  
9 NAME IS DAVID STRINGER AND I'M A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE  
11 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
12 DISTRICT 1687 AND 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1  
13 UNINCORPORATED AND CARSON ZONES AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION  
14 OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SUBDIVISIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD  
15 LETTER. THE INVOLVED CITY OF CARSON HAS GRANTED ITS CONSENT  
16 AND JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, THESE SUBDIVISIONS WILL BE  
17 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED  
18 AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
19 BENEFIT. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE  
20 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NON-  
21 EXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE  
24 APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE



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2 MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY THE BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC  
5 HEARING, IS THAT CORRECT? WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND  
6 TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** A MOTION?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL MOVE IT. AND IT'S SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 3. THIS IS A HEARING ON PROPOSED  
14 STREET NAME CHANGE NO. 759 AND 96TH STREET EAST (SEGMENT A, D-  
15 H) TO PINON PINE LANE; AND STREET NAME CHANGE NO. 760 FROM  
16 96TH STREET EAST TO 101ST STREET EAST (SEGMENT B AND C), IN  
17 THE JUNIPER HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, IN ANTELOPE  
18 VALLEY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. DO WE  
21 HAVE ANY SPEAKERS ON ITEM NO. 3? OKAY. WE WILL CLOSE THE  
22 PUBLIC HEARING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING TO VACATE,  
2   WITH RESERVATIONS, A PORTION OF AN ALLEY EAST OF CONVERSE  
3   AVENUE TO SET ASIDE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES  
4   NORTH OF GAGE AVENUE AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE HIGHWAY INTO THE  
5   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ROAD SYSTEM TO ALLOW FOR THE  
6   CONSTRUCTION OF THE GAGE AVENUE POCKET PARK IN THE  
7   UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT  
8   STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

9

10   **JOSE SUAREZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSE SUAREZ. I AM AN  
11   ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I  
12   HAVE INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY'S  
13   INTEREST IN THE PORTION OF THE ALLEY EAST OF CONVERSE AVENUE  
14   IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. IN MY  
15   OPINION, THE INVOLVED PORTION OF THE ALLEY IS NOT NECESSARY  
16   FOR PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC ROADWAY USE AND WILL BE  
17   RESERVED FOR NONVEHICULAR TRAVEL PURPOSES. RELATED TO THIS  
18   PROPOSED VACATION, A PORTION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY WILL BE  
19   SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC ROAD AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES NORTH OF GAGE  
20   AVENUE AND WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. WE  
21   ARE AWARE OF NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED VACATION.

22

23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS? IF NOT, THEN WE'LL  
24   OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MOVED BY



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1 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 7, THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING ON  
5 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 2005-00151, VARIANCE CASE NO.  
6 2007-00011, AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 063010, AND NEGATIVE  
7 DECLARATION LOCATED AT 2716 WILLOWHAVEN DRIVE WITHIN THE LA  
8 CRESCENTA-MONTROSE COMMUNITY STANDARD DISTRICT, AND LA  
9 CRESCENTA ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY ALEX ROGIC. THERE IS A  
10 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS  
13 SIGNED UP, AS WELL, TOO.

14

15 **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD. MY NAME IS JODIE SACKETT, AND I AM A SENIOR REGIONAL  
17 PLANNING ASSISTANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
18 REGIONAL PLANNING. PREVIOUSLY YOUR BOARD HEARD A PRESENTATION  
19 AND TESTIMONY FOR A TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 063010 AND  
20 ASSOCIATED PERMITS ON OCTOBER 28TH, 2008. THE APPLICANT, MR.  
21 ROGIC, WAS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD TO REDESIGN THE PROPOSED  
22 SUBDIVISION PROJECT ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:  
23 THAT HE SHALL, A, REDUCE THE SUBDIVISION FROM THREE TO TWO  
24 LOTS; B, LIMIT THE HEIGHT OF THE PROPOSED HOME TO TWO STORIES;  
25 C, LIMIT THE BUILDING HEIGHT TO A MAXIMUM OF 25 FEET; AND, D,





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1 INCREASE THE FRONT YARD SETBACK DISTANCE TO A MINIMUM OF 15  
2 FEET. STAFF HAS REVIEWED THE REVISED PROJECT DESIGN AND HAS  
3 DETERMINED THAT IT MEETS THE FOUR REDESIGN CRITERIA PREVIOUSLY  
4 DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD ON OCTOBER 28TH. SINCE THE OCTOBER  
5 28TH, 2009 BOARD HEARING, STAFF HAS RECEIVED TWO ADDITIONAL  
6 LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS OPPOSED TO THE  
7 DEVELOPMENT. AS THE PROJECT HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM THREE TO TWO  
8 PROPOSED PARCELS WITH ONLY ONE NEW RESIDENCE PROPOSED, A  
9 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCE ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR  
10 THE SUBJECT PROJECT. THEREFORE PRESENTED BEFORE YOUR BOARD  
11 TODAY IS THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ENTITLEMENT ONLY ALONG WITH  
12 THE ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION. THEREFORE, BASED ON THE  
13 UPDATED PROJECT MATERIALS AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO STAFF,  
14 STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE NEGATIVE  
15 DECLARATION AND ADVISE STAFF TO PREPARE FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL  
16 FOR TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 063010. AND THIS CONCLUDES  
17 STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF NOT, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS.  
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL CALL THE SPEAKERS FORWARD.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NINA BEYT, AND GORDON WOOD, AND SONJA  
23 MILLIKIN.



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1   **CAROLYN INGRAM SEITZ:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR  
2   ANTONOVICH, BOARD MEMBERS AND TO THE STAFF. MY NAME IS CAROLYN  
3   INGRAM SEITZ. I'M A CONSULTANT REPRESENTING THE PROJECT  
4   APPLICANT. WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING FOR THIS CONTINUED HEARING  
5   ON THE APPEAL OF THE DENIAL OF THE PARCEL MAP BY THE REGIONAL  
6   PLANNING COMMISSION. DURING THE LAST HEARING BY THIS BODY,  
7   TESTIMONY WAS HEARD FROM THE APPLICANT AND MEMBERS OF THE  
8   COMMUNITY BOTH IN SUPPORT AND IN OPPOSITION. AT THE CONCLUSION  
9   OF THAT TESTIMONY, WE WERE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WE HEARD  
10  AGAIN THIS MORNING ONLY BRIEFLY. THE APPLICANT WAS ENCOURAGED  
11  TO DO THE FOLLOWING THINGS: CHANGE THE PARCEL MAP SO HE WAS  
12  PROPOSING ONLY TWO PARCELS INSTEAD OF THREE, KEEPING THE  
13  EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND ADDING ONLY ONE. TO  
14  MODIFY THE DESIGN FOR WHAT WOULD BE THE NEW SINGLE-FAMILY  
15  RESIDENCE SO IT WAS MORE COMPATIBLE WITH THE MAJORITY OF  
16  RESIDENCES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, INCREASE THE SETBACKS TO MEET  
17  THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND COMMUNITY  
18  STANDARDS DISTRICT, REDUCE THE HEIGHT OF THE PROPOSED NEW  
19  RESIDENCE TO 25 FEET OR LESS, REDUCE THE HEIGHT OF PROPOSED  
20  RETAINING WALLS. THE APPLICANT WENT BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD,  
21  AS WAS HIS MANDATE, MODIFYING ALL OF HIS PLANS AS WAS  
22  REQUIRED. AND THEN HE SUBMITTED THEM TO THE COUNTY AGENCIES  
23  FOR REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE  
24  DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, PARKS AND RECREATION AND  
25  HEALTH REVIEWED THE REVISED PARCEL MAP AND THE SITE PLANS AS



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1 THEY HAD ON PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THE MAP. THESE AGENCIES  
2 APPROVED THE TECHNICAL ANALYSES AND THE PARCEL MAP, RELEASING  
3 IT FOR PUBLIC HEARING. THE TECHNICAL ANALYSES INCLUDED GEOLOGY  
4 AND SOILS REPORT, GRADING, DRAINAGE AND HYDROLOGY. AT THE  
5 REQUEST OF PUBLIC WORKS, A LINE OF SIGHT VISIBILITY STUDY WAS  
6 ALSO PERFORMED TO ASSURE THAT THE DRIVEWAY FOR THE PROPOSED  
7 NEW RESIDENCE WOULD SATISFY PUBLIC WORKS REQUIREMENTS. WHAT  
8 YOU SEE NOW IS A PARCEL MAP SHOWING TWO PARCELS, EACH OF WHICH  
9 IS GREATER THAN 15,000 SQUARE FEET. YOU MAY RECALL FROM  
10 PREVIOUS TESTIMONY THAT THESE PROPOSED PARCELS WILL BE MUCH  
11 LARGER THAN MANY PARCELS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. THE PROJECT IS  
12 WELL BELOW THE DENSITY THRESHOLD, AND THEREFORE THE HILLSIDE  
13 C.U.P. PREVIOUSLY UNDER CONSIDERATION AS WELL AS THE VARIANCE  
14 WAS WITHDRAWN AS NEITHER IS NOW REQUIRED. THE PROJECT IS AN  
15 URBAN INFILL PROJECT BEING PROPOSED ON A PARCEL THAT HAS  
16 ACCESS TO EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER, SEWER, CABLE T.V.,  
17 ELECTRICAL AND NATURAL GAS LINES ARE ALL AVAILABLE ALONG THE  
18 PROPERTY FRONTAGE. CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PROVIDE  
19 WILL-SERVE LETTERS FOR BOTH WATER AND SEWER, INDICATING THEY  
20 HAVE ADEQUATE CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED  
21 DEVELOPMENT. THE PLANNING STAFF ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED  
22 APPROVAL. THE CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL TOOK A NEUTRAL  
23 POSITION ON THE PROJECT. THIS MORNING, I HEAR THAT THE STAFF  
24 IS ALSO RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PACKAGE OF  
25 MATERIALS. WE BELIEVE THE APPLICANT HAS RESPONDED TO THE



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1 REQUEST FOR CHANGE MADE BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN HIS MOTION  
2 AT THE PREVIOUS HEARING ON THIS APPEAL AND RESPECTFULLY  
3 REQUEST THAT YOU OVERTURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL AND  
4 APPROVE THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU, GRANTING THIS PROPERTY OWNER  
5 THE SAME RIGHT ENJOYED BY MANY PROPERTY OWNERS IN HIS AREA.  
6 HIS TWO 15,000 SQUARE FEET PARCELS WILL BE ALMOST TWICE THE  
7 SIZE OF MANY PARCELS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. IF YOU HAVE  
8 QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM. IF NOT, I WOULD BE  
9 HAPPY TO COME BACK FOR REBUTTAL IF YOU FIND THAT NECESSARY.  
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES?

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14 **NINA BEYT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS NINA BEYT.  
15 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'LL TRY  
16 TO BE BRIEF, BUT THERE ARE A FEW SALIENT POINTS IN DEFENSE OF  
17 MR. ROGIC'S PROPERTY PROPOSED SUBDIVISION. HE HAS FULFILLED  
18 ALL THE REQUESTS AND REQUIREMENTS BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.  
19 AND HAVING MET ALL OF THOSE, I SEE NO REASON WHY JUST BECAUSE  
20 THE NEIGHBORS WANT OPEN SPACE, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO REASON WHY  
21 MR. ROGIC SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THEM. HE HAS  
22 AN EXTREMELY LARGE LOT. HE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BUILD THAT  
23 HOME. ALL THE HOMES ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SUBJECT  
24 PROPERTY FILL EVERY SQUARE INCH OF THEIR SMALL LOTS. THERE IS  
25 VERY -- THEY HAVE PUSHED THEIR SETBACKS AS CLOSE TO THE



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1 SIDEWALK AS POSSIBLE, THE HOUSES ARE CHEEK BY JOWL. I DON'T  
2 KNOW WHY A 15,000 SQUARE FOOT OPEN PIECE OF PROPERTY WITH 61  
3 PERCENT OPEN SPACE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE BUILT. I FIND  
4 IT VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S BEEN TURNED DOWN IN THE  
5 PAST WHEN IT'S BEEN APPROVED BY STAFF. THERE IS ANOTHER POINT  
6 THAT I'D LIKE TO BRING UP, THAT AT LEAST ONE SIGNATURE ON THE  
7 PETITION PROVIDED BY THE OPPOSITION IS FRAUDULENT. SOMEONE  
8 FORGED THE NAME OF A MAN BY THE NAME OF WILLIAM HEDDICK. HE  
9 HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE HIS SIGNATURE APPEARED ON  
10 THIS PETITION.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAYBE SHIRLEY MCCLAIN GOT IT FOR HIM.

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14 **NINA BEYT:** MR. HEDDICK, HAD ALSO PREVIOUSLY, WHEN HE WAS  
15 ALIVE, SIGNED THE PETITION TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT. SO WITH THE  
16 KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS PROPERTY HAS MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
17 STAFF, I DO ASK YOU TODAY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE  
18 AND ERECT THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AS PROPOSED. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ANNA SU AND JANE ROYER. JUST GIVE  
21 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

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23 **GORDON WOOD:** MY NAME IS GORDON WOOD. I LIVE AT 2713 ROCK PINE  
24 LANE, WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO MR. ROGIC'S PROPERTY. I  
25 REALLY ACCEPT THAT MR. ROGIC HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE



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1 BOARD SET FORTH. I'M SORRY, I LOSS MY SPOT. I MUST ASSUME THAT  
2 THESE RESTRICTIONS WERE AN EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT THE NEW PLAN  
3 WOULD BE MORE COMPATIBLE WITH THE CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE OF  
4 THE OTHER HOMES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE APPLICANT'S NEW PLAN  
5 APPEARS TO MEET THE LETTER OF THESE RESTRICTIONS, BUT THERE  
6 ARE SOME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. THE 15-FOOT SETBACK REQUIRES  
7 THE DESIGNER TO MOVE THE HOUSE ABOUT 10 TO 12 FEET UP THE  
8 SLOPE, WHICH PRESENTS A PROBLEM FOR THE DRIVEWAY, SO HE HAS TO  
9 HAVE A LONG DRIVEWAY IN ORDER TO MAKE UP THE 9 FEET OR SO. AND  
10 HE DOES. HE HAS A 60 -- WELL IT'S LABELED A 62 BUT I THINK  
11 IT'S MORE LIKE 70-FOOT DRIVEWAY THAT RUNS ALL THE WAY ACROSS  
12 THE PROPERTY AND EXITS ON THE EASTERN EDGE, FIVE FEET FROM THE  
13 PROPERTY LINE. THE SEVERAL RETAINING WALLS REQUIRED TO  
14 STABILIZE THE STEEP SLOPE AFTER EXCAVATION AND GRADING WILL  
15 STRETCH ACROSS THE ENTIRE WIDTH OF THE PROPERTY, AND THE  
16 HIGHEST 6-FOOT WALL IS 54 FEET ABOVE THE STREET. THE FACT THAT  
17 THE DRIVEWAY NEEDS TO BE MOVED ALL THE WAY EAST PUTS IT VERY  
18 NEAR THE ONLY CURVE IN THAT STREET, AND THE LIMITED  
19 VISIBILITY, 150 FEET, IS THE DISTANCE THAT A CAR WOULD TRAVEL  
20 AT 25 MILES AN HOUR IN FOUR SECONDS. NOW, HE MAY MEET THE  
21 LETTER OF THE LAW, BUT I THINK IT REALLY CREATES A DANGEROUS  
22 SITUATION. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S INTENTION OF ASSISTING THE  
23 APPLICANT AND PROPOSING A STRUCTURE THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH  
24 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I SINCERELY FEEL THAT THE PROPOSED HOUSE





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1 MISSES THE MARK BY A MILE AND THE DRIVEWAY LOCATION  
2 CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT SAFETY HAZARD. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SONJA MILLIKIN:** MY NAME IS SONJA MILLIKIN, I AM A HOMEOWNER AT  
5 2821 WILLOWHAVEN DRIVE, LA CRESCENTA.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GET CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE.

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9 **SONJA MILLIKIN:** FOR THE RECORD I OPPOSE MR. ROGIC'S PROPOSED  
10 PROJECT. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. HELGA FELLNER AND FRED GARIB.

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14 **ANNA SU:** HI. MY NAME IS ANNA SU. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED INTO  
15 OUR HOME ON ROCK PINE LANE IN 1990. WE READ AND UNDERSTOOD  
16 THAT WE ARE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE C.C.N.R., WHICH DEFINES  
17 THE GUIDELINES AND LIMITATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 83  
18 HOMES IN THIS PARCEL OF LAND. IN THE PAST 18 YEARS SINCE WE  
19 MOVED IN, THIS HAS BEEN HELD TRUE. NONE OF THE RESIDENTS HAS  
20 VIOLATED THIS AGREEMENT. THE PINE CREST NEIGHBORHOOD, AND  
21 ESPECIALLY ROCK PINE LANE, HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED. WE THE  
22 RESIDENTS OF ROCK PINE LANE VALUE THE HOMOGENEOUS  
23 CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR STREET AND THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF  
24 OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. MR. ROGIC, AS ONE OF THE HOMEOWNERS OF THIS  
25 PARCEL, MUST ALSO BE BOUND BY THE SAME C.C.N.R. IN 1987, HIS



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1 PROPOSAL TO SUBDIVIDE AND BUILD ONE ADDITIONAL HOME WAS DENIED  
2 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPHELD THE DENY. I BELIEVE MANY  
3 OF THOSE SUPERVISORS ARE STILL SERVING TODAY. 20 SOME YEARS  
4 LATER, MR. ROGIC HAS CHOSEN FOR A SECOND TIME TO CHALLENGE THE  
5 C.C.N.R., THE L.A. COUNTY GENERAL PLAN, AND THE DECISION OF  
6 THIS VERY SAME BOARD, AND HE IS TRYING AGAIN TO SUBDIVIDE AND  
7 BUILD. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY MR. ROGIC WANTS TO  
8 BUILD AN ADDITIONAL HOME ON HIS PROPERTY. HE STANDS TO GAIN A  
9 PROFIT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. BUT THIS  
10 SELFISH DECISION FOR PERSONAL FINANCIAL GAIN COMES AT THE  
11 EXPENSE OF HIS NEIGHBORS, ESPECIALLY THE 14 HOMEOWNERS ON ROCK  
12 PINE LANE. AND I HAVE A CHART HERE SHOWING THAT EVERY  
13 HOMEOWNER ON ROCK PINE LANE HAS SIGNED A PETITION TO OBJECT  
14 THIS PROJECT. NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL  
15 SIGNATURES THAT ARE COLLECTED, BOTH IN OPPOSITION AND IN  
16 SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MR. ROGIC EVEN  
17 HAS SIGNATURES, SUPPORT LETTERS, FROM PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF OUR  
18 TOWNSHIP OF OF LA CRESCENTA, AND AS FAR AS GLENDALE AND  
19 MONTROSE. I BELIEVE THAT THAT IS IRRELEVANT TO THIS  
20 DISCUSSION. I BELIEVE THAT THE FOCUS MUST BE ON THE IMMEDIATE  
21 RESIDENTS THAT ARE IMPACTED. I ASK THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER THE  
22 INTERESTS OF THE MANY RESIDENTS AGAINST THE SELFISH DESIRE OF  
23 ONE AND UPHOLD THE DENY AND DENY THIS PROJECT AS YOU HAVE DONE  
24 IN 1987. PLEASE PUT A STOP TO THIS NONSENSE. THANK YOU.

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1     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME CALL UP ERWIN FELLNER.

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3     **HELGA FELLNER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HELGA FELLNER. AND I  
4     RESIDE AT 2734 ROCK PINE LANE IN LA CRESCENTA SINCE 35 YEARS.  
5     I'M ONE OF THE 99 HOMEOWNERS, EXCLUDING THE DEAD PERSON WHO  
6     SIGNED, OPPOSING MR. ROGIC'S PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WAS DENIED  
7     BY THIS BOARD IN 1986. NOTHING ON THIS HILLSIDE HAS CHANGED.  
8     IT STILL HAS THE SAME 42, SOMETIMES UP TO 60 PERCENT INCLINE  
9     IT HAD 23 YEARS AGO. HEAVY RAINS OF 3 TO 5 INCHES A DAY ARE  
10    NOT UNCOMMON IN OUR AREA. SINCE THERE IS NOT A SPECK OF FLAT  
11    LAND, EVERY SQUARE INCH OF THIS HILL WOULD HAVE TO BE  
12    EXCAVATED. THIS COULD DESTABILIZE THE ENTIRE HILL. AN EXISTING  
13    POOL ON TOP, HOLDING APPROXIMATELY 26,000 GALLONS OF WATER IS  
14    A VERY GREAT PERSONAL CONCERN. I DON'T WANT MR. ROGIC'S POOL  
15    OR HIS NEW PROPOSED PROJECT, WITH ALL THE DIRT COMING DOWN  
16    ONTO OUR PROPERTY. I RESPECTFULLY OBJECT TO ANY SUCH  
17    SUBDIVISION AND/OR BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I HOPE THIS  
18    BOARD WILL AGAIN DENY THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME  
19    AND YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON MILLIKIN.

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23    **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M A HOMEOWNER IN THE PINE CREST AREA  
24    OF LA CRESCENTA. I HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 25 YEARS. I'M OPPOSED  
25    TO MR. ROGIC'S PLAN FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. ONE, THE PLAN



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1 IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. TWO,  
2 CUTTING IN VERY STEEP AND HIGH SLOPES WITH A SERIES OF  
3 RETAINING WALLS TO CREATE A PAD IS NOT SAFE. AND ALSO, THE  
4 PLAN IS IN VIOLATION OF THE C.C.N.R. THAT IS RECORDED ON ALL  
5 THE PROPERTIES IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CURTIS CLEVEN? NOT YOU, THE MICROPHONE.

8

9 **ERWIN FELLNER:** MY NAME IS ERWIN FELLNER. I LIVE ON 2734 ROCK  
10 PINE LANE IN LA CRESCENTA. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
11 SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MR. ROGIC'S PROJECT WAS  
12 FIRST PROPOSED IN 1986 TO SUBDIVIDE AND CONSTRUCT ONE  
13 ADDITIONAL HOME. IT WAS REJECTED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
14 COMMISSION AND BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE REASONS  
15 THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE HILLSIDE  
16 MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS FOR THE CHANNEL PLAN, AND THE SITE WAS  
17 NOT PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT. IN FACT, AT ITS  
18 MEETING HELD JANUARY THE 22ND OF 1987, THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION: THIS WAS A CONTINUED  
20 HEARING ON TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 17188-5, LA CRESCENTA ZONE  
21 DISTRICT. IT WAS APPLIED FOR BY MR. ALEX ROGIC. SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, "THE PROPOSED NEW  
23 HOME IS TO BE LOCATED ON A STEEP MANUFACTURED SLOPE WHICH IS  
24 PART OF AN EXISTING LOT IN THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT IN LA  
25 CRESCENTA. SINCE THE BOARD'S LAST MEETING, I VISITED THE



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1 PROPERTY AND I BELIEVE THAT TO PERMIT THE REQUESTED LAND  
2 DIVISION AND NEW HOME WOULD BE CONTRARY TO GOOD SUBDIVISION  
3 DESIGN. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE  
4 INTENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN WHICH DISCOURAGES BUILDING ON SUCH  
5 STEEP HILLSIDES." END OF QUOTE. 22 YEARS LATER, JUNE THE 18TH,  
6 2008, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, IN A VOTE 5-0, DENIED  
7 MR. ROGIC'S APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL  
8 TWO HOMES ON THE SITE. NOW 10 MONTHS LATER, WE ARE BACK TO ONE  
9 HOUSE. MORE OR LESS, THE PROJECT OF 1986. TWO LOTS, ONE  
10 EXISTING HOME AND ONE LOT FACING ROCK PINE LANE. WHAT HAS  
11 CHANGED? THE SLOPE OF THE HILLSIDE IS STILL 40 TO 50 IN MOST  
12 AND 50 TO 60 IN SOME AREAS OF THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION. I WANT  
13 TO POINT OUT EVERY USABLE SQUARE INCH TO ESTABLISH A BUILDING  
14 SITE MUST BE EXCAVATED FROM THIS HILL. THIS RADICAL  
15 EXCAVATION, I HAVE NO DOUBT, WILL DESTABILIZE THE HILL. THE  
16 CONSEQUENCES OF IGNORING THESE ISSUES IS OF PROFOUND CONCERN  
17 TO ALL, DEFINITELY TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE ON ROCK PINE LANE.  
18 PLEASE LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY. 95 PINE CREST PROPERTY OWNERS  
19 HAVE SIGNED A PETITION OPPOSING MR. ROGIC'S PROJECT. THIS  
20 PROJECT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
21 AND SHOULD BE DENIED. THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, IF I MAY, MR.  
22 CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A -- BEG YOUR PARDON?

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.



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1 **ERWIN FELLNER:** YES, I KNOW, BUT I HAVE A SIGNED PETITION FROM  
2 95 HOMEOWNERS, WHICH I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT AT THIS TIME IF I  
3 MIGHT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROBERT RUBY? YES, MA'AM.

8  
9 **JANE ROYER:** HI, I'M JANE ROYER, 2718 ROCK PINE, ACROSS FROM  
10 THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION. I'VE BEEN OPPOSED TO AND SPEAKING  
11 AGAINST ROGIC'S SUBDIVISION PLANS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.  
12 THERE'S A REASON HIS PLANS MUST CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWED BY  
13 VARIOUS BOARDS ALL THESE YEARS AND A REASON WE CONTINUE TO  
14 SPEAK AGAINST THESE PROPOSALS ALL THESE YEARS: BECAUSE  
15 PROBLEMS WITH HIS PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN AND ARE NOT BEING  
16 RESOLVED. PROBLEMS OF DESIGN INCONSISTENCY WITH OUR LONG-  
17 STANDING, BUILT-ON PADS ROCK PINE LANE NEIGHBORHOOD, DANGEROUS  
18 STEEP HILLSIDE DESIGNS, HUGE UNSIGHTLY RETAINING WALLS, AND  
19 UNSAFE LINE OF VISIBILITY ISSUES REGARDING DRIVEWAY AND  
20 TRAFFIC ARE TO NAME A FEW SIGNIFICANT SPECIFIED PROBLEMS THEN  
21 AND NOW. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE YOU AND OTHERS HAVE  
22 VISITED THIS SITE ON MY STREET, ROCK PINE LANE. FOR 20 YEARS,  
23 ROGIC'S PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN DENIED, DENIED AND DENIED. ALL THE  
24 ROCK PINE LANE HOMEOWNERS AND MANY OTHERS ARE STILL OPPOSED TO





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1 THIS PROPOSED SUBDIVISION. TODAY I HOPE THIS BOARD GIVES A  
2 FINAL DENIAL TO END ROGIC'S SUBDIVISION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LORRAINE RUBY? LORRAINE RUBY? YES,  
5 SIR.

6

7 **DON MILLIKIN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DON MILLIKIN. I LIVE ON 2821  
8 WILLOWHAVEN DRIVE WITH MY WIFE, AND WE'VE LIVED IN THE SAME  
9 HOUSE IN PINE CREST DEVELOPMENT FOR OVER 35 YEARS. MY WIFE AND  
10 I BOUGHT PROPERTY IN THE PINE CREST DEVELOPMENT IN 1972  
11 BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, I LIKED THE ORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT  
12 AND THE WAY THAT THE HOMES WERE BUILT ON FLAT AREAS ALONG WITH  
13 BASICALLY FLAT YARDS IN A HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT. I EXPECTED  
14 THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD REMAIN AS IT WAS CONSTRUCTED  
15 WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS. MY WIFE AND I ARE OPPOSED TO  
16 THE SUBDIVISION THAT MR. ROGIC PROPOSES. MR. ROGIC SUBMITTED A  
17 PROPOSAL TO SUBDIVIDE HIS PROPERTY TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
18 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IN 1986. THIS PROPERTY WAS  
19 DENIED, STATING THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THEY WERE NOT  
20 CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND WAS NOT COMPATIBLE  
21 WITH THE ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD. WE FELT THAT THESE WERE  
22 PROPER DECISIONS THAT WERE MADE BY THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
23 OF REGIONAL PLANNING. MR. ROGIC'S LATEST PROPOSAL, PROPOSED  
24 SUBDIVISION INVOLVES ALMOST ALL EXCAVATION IN THE STEEP  
25 HILLSIDE, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES SEVERAL HIGH RETAINING WALLS.



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1 THE CURRENT PLAN IS TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE CHARACTER OF  
2 THE PINE CREST NEIGHBORHOOD. IF MR. ROGIC'S PROPOSED  
3 SUBDIVISION IS APPROVED BY THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS, IT WOULD SET A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER HOMEOWNERS TO  
5 SUBDIVIDE THEIR PROPERTY IN A SIMILAR MANNER IN THIS HILLSIDE  
6 DEVELOPMENT. IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN, IT WOULD TOTALLY CHANGE  
7 THE LANDSCAPE OF THE PINE CREST AREA AND CHANGE THE AREA THAT  
8 MY WIFE AND I AND MANY OTHER HOMEOWNERS HAVE BOUGHT INTO. I  
9 FELT THAT THE ORIGINAL PINE CREST DEVELOPMENT WAS DESIGNED  
10 VERY WELL, PROVIDING BASICALLY LEVEL BUILDING PATHS WITH LEVEL  
11 SURROUNDING YARDS ADJACENT TO THE HOMES. I URGE THE COUNTY  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CAREFULLY WEIGH THE DECISION OF  
13 APPROVING MR. ROGIC'S PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND CONSIDER THE  
14 IMPACT THAT THIS COULD HAVE ON FUTURE POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL  
15 SUBDIVISIONS, PLAN FOR EXCAVATIONS INTO STEEP HILLSIDES IN THE  
16 PINE CREST AREA AND TO ALSO CONSIDER HOW POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL  
17 SUBDIVISIONS WILL IMPACT EXISTING RESIDENTS IN THE PINE CREST  
18 AREA. THANK YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP DAVID ZULI? DAVID  
21 ZULI. YES, SIR.

22  
23 **CURTIS CLEVEN:** MY NAME IS CURTIS CLEVEN, I'M A RESIDENT OF  
24 PINE CREST TRACT FOR 39 YEARS. AND I OBJECT TO THIS WORK BEING  
25 DONE, FOR DIFFERENT REASONS THAN STATED. I HAVE THREE PRIMARY



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1 REASONS. ONE, I DO NOT WISH A PRECEDENT TO BE SET FOR  
2 SUBDIVIDING LARGE LOTS ON -- THERE ARE ABOUT THREE OTHER OR  
3 FOUR OTHER LOTS ON ROCK PINE LANE THAT COULD BE SUBDIVIDED.  
4 AND IF THIS IS APPROVED, THOSE HOMEOWNERS WILL BE APPROACHED  
5 BY DEVELOPERS TO BUILD HOMES ON THESE LOTS. THERE ARE  
6 CURRENTLY NO HOMES ON THAT NORTH SIDE OF ROCK PINE LANE. AND  
7 EVEN THOUGH I DON'T LIVE ON THAT LANE, I WANT IT TO STAY THAT  
8 WAY. THE ORIGINAL DEVELOPERS WOULD HAVE BUILT HOMES THERE IF  
9 IT WERE FEASIBLE THING TO DO, BUT THAT'S A ROCKY STEEP  
10 HILLSIDE. BUT NUMBER TWO, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ROCK AND  
11 DECOMPOSED GRANITE WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED TO BUILD THIS HOME.  
12 THIS AREA IS AN ALLUVIAL FAN, THERE IS NO DIRT, IT'S A GRAVEL  
13 PIT. IF YOU LIVED UP THERE, YOU'D KNOW THAT. THERE'S A CLEAR  
14 DANGER OF LOOSE BOULDERS, BECAUSE THE SLOPE OF THAT HILLSIDE  
15 IS STEEPER THAN THE ANGLE OF REPOSE. SO ANY LOOSENED ROCKS  
16 WOULD ROLL DOWN THE HILL ACROSS THE STREET AND POSSIBLY  
17 ENDANGER HOMES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET. LAST YEAR, MR.  
18 ROGIC ESTIMATED ABOUT 40 TRUCKLOADS OF 50 CUBIC YARDS EACH FOR  
19 THAT PARTICULAR PLAN. 50 CUBIC YARDS OF DECOMPOSED GRANITE AND  
20 ROCK IS ABOUT 100 TONS, PLUS THE WEIGHT OF THE TRUCK. THE ONLY  
21 WAY THEY CAN GET THAT DIRT OUT OF THERE IS BY TRUCK ON  
22 WILLOWHAVEN GOING EAST OR WEST. IF THEY GO TO THE WEST, THEY  
23 COME DOWN A VERY NARROW, TWISTY, WINDY ROAD CALLED PINE CONE  
24 LANE TO GET TO LA CRESCENT, WHICH IS ALSO A VERY STEEP ROAD.  
25 IF THEY GO TO THE EAST SIDE, THEY WOULD GO OVER TO PINE GLEN,



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1 WHICH IS ALSO A VERY STEEP, WINDY ROAD TO GET DOWN TO  
2 ROSEMONT. NOW, BOTH ROSEMONT AND LA CRESCENTA HAVE SCHOOLS.  
3 AND I'LL GET TO THAT IN A MINUTE, THAT'S A SAFETY ISSUE. I  
4 THINK THIS WOULD GO ON FOR -- I'M OUT OF TIME ALMOST. LET ME  
5 TALK TO SAFETY. THE SCHOOLS ON THOSE STREETS HAVE A LOT OF  
6 CHILDREN WALKING, A LOT OF SCHOOL TRAFFIC. CARS. AND IT'S A  
7 SAFETY ISSUE WITH LARGE TRUCKS COMING DOWN THOSE STREETS. IF  
8 ONE SHOULD LOSE ITS BRAKES, THINK WHAT HAPPENED AT LA QUINATA  
9 A FEW WEEKS AGO.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP? YOUR TIME  
12 IS UP.

13

14 **CURTIS CLEVEN:** MY TIME IS EXPIRED BUT I OBJECT TO THIS FOR  
15 SAFETY REASONS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PETER JUNG KIM. YES?

20

21 **ROBERT RUBY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BOB RUBY. I HAVE LIVED  
22 IN THIS PINE CONE, PINE CREST AREA SINCE 1974. I OBJECT TO THE  
23 DIVISION OF THE PROPERTY BASED ON THE ORIGINAL C.C.N.R., WHICH  
24 SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THE LOTS WOULD NOT BE DIVIDED IN THE  
25 FUTURE. SECONDLY, I OBJECT TO IT BECAUSE THE EXCAVATION OF A



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1 VERY STEEP -- CURRENT VERY STEEP HILLSIDE, WHICH IN MY OPINION  
2 WOULD THREATEN THOSE HOMES, BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW THE  
3 EXCAVATION. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **LORRAINE RUBY:** MY NAME IS LORRAINE RUBY. GOOD MORNING. I ALSO  
8 LIVE ON PINE LAWN DRIVE, 2628 PINE LAWN IN PINE CREST. AND I  
9 WROTE A LETTER RECENTLY TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND THIS IS  
10 MY LETTER. "I AM WRITING REGARDING THE LAND USE HEARING ON  
11 APRIL 28, 2009. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE PROPOSED LAND DIVISION  
12 AND NEW HOME ON ROCK PINE IN PINE CREST SUBDIVISION IN LA  
13 CRESCENTA APPLIED FOR BY ALEX ROGIC. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE  
14 PROPOSED BUILDING OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ON THAT PROPOSED  
15 SITE WOULD UNDERMINE THE HILLSIDE AND RENDER IT UNSTABLE. ALSO  
16 THE ORIGINAL DRAIN PATTERNS AND STRUCTURES THAT WERE  
17 CONSTRUCTED FOR RUNOFF WOULD BE DESTROYED. I BELIEVE THAT TO  
18 ALLOW THE BUILDING REQUEST WOULD ALSO SET A DANGEROUS  
19 PRECEDENT THAT WOULD ALLOW OWNERS IN PINE CREST TO SUBDIVIDE  
20 THEIR CURRENT PROPERTIES AND SQUEEZE IN MORE HOMES THAN  
21 ORIGINALLY PLANNED. PLEASE HOLD TO YOUR STATEMENT AT THE BOARD  
22 OF SUPERVISORS MEETING IN JANUARY 1987, WHEN YOU STATED,  
23 QUOTE, AND THIS IS MIKE ANTONOVICH THAT I AM QUOTING, "THE  
24 PROPOSED NEW HOME IS TO BE LOCATED ON A STEEP MANUFACTURED  
25 SLOPE WHICH IS PART OF AN EXISTING LOT IN A HILLSIDE



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1 DEVELOPMENT IN LA CRESCENTA. SINCE THE BOARD'S LAST MEETING, I  
2 VISITED THE PROPERTY AND I BELIEVE THAT TO PERMIT THE  
3 REQUESTED LAND DIVISION AND NEW HOME WOULD BE CONTRARY TO GOOD  
4 SUBDIVISION DESIGN, THE NEIGHBORHOOD PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT  
5 AND THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, WHICH DISCOURAGES BUILDING  
6 ON SUCH STEEP HILLSIDES." AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW ANY OF  
7 THAT HAS CHANGED. BUT I END THE QUOTE. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE  
8 PHOTOS THAT I AM ENCLOSING, IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK AND THE  
9 BUILDING OF RETAINING WALLS TO DEAL WITH EROSION AND THE  
10 REINFORCING OF STEEP SLOPES IN PINE CREST. THE PROPERTY SHOWN  
11 IN THE PHOTOS IS LOCATED ON PINE CONE ROAD. AGAIN, I  
12 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR A NO VOTE ON THE LAND USE PERMIT BY ALEX  
13 ROGIC ON APRIL 28TH, 2009. AND I BROUGHT THE PICTURES THAT I  
14 SENT TO THE SUPERVISOR WHICH SHOWS SOME OTHER PROBLEMS THAT  
15 DEVELOPED IN PINE CREST WITH EROSION AND THE STEEP HILLSIDE.  
16 SO IF YOU'D LIKE, I WILL SUBMIT THESE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
17 YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP HELENA YOUNG JA  
20 KIM. AND KAREN SARTI. YES, SIR.

21

22 **PETER JUNG KIM:** I AM HOMEOWNER ON 2728 ROCK PINE LANE. I,  
23 PETER JUNG KIM, AGAINST ROGIC'S SUBDIVISION PLANS. THANK YOU  
24 VERY MUCH.

25



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1   **DAVID ZULI:** MY NAME IS DAVID ZULI, I'M A HOMEOWNER AT 2744  
2   ROCK PINE LANE. MY WIFE AND I BOUGHT THE HOME THERE ON ROCK  
3   PINE SEVEN YEARS AGO WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD NEVER  
4   BE CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTHERN SLOPE OPPOSITE OUR HOME. AND  
5   I'M OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT BECAUSE IT WOULD OPEN A PRECEDENT  
6   WHERE MORE ROGUE CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE OPEN TO OTHER PROPERTY  
7   OWNERS. SO I'M OPPOSED TO THIS. IT'S NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE  
8   NATURE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT THAT  
9   MR. ROGIC HAS. THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME CALL UP ARLENE BOYCHUCK AND GHIMUN  
12   NOH. YES, MA'AM. YES.

13

14   **HELENA YOUNG JA KIM:** GOOD MORNING, SIR. I, HELENA YOUNG JA  
15   KIM, AM A HOMEOWNER ON 2728 ROCK PINE LANE. I AGAINST THE  
16   ROGIC SUBDIVISION PLANS. I THINK IT IS NOT SAFE TO ME AND  
17   NEIGHBORHOOD TO BUILD A HOUSE ON THE STEEP HILLSIDE. I'M  
18   SORRY. ON THE STEEP HILLSIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE SECOND. NOH YESSCON.

21

22   **KAREN SARTI:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KAREN SARTI, AND I HAVE  
23   LIVED AT 2722 ROCK PINE LANE FOR THE LAST 34 YEARS. I LIVE  
24   DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF MR. ROGIC'S PROPOSED SUBDIVISION. WHEN WE  
25   PURCHASED OUR HOME, WE CONSIDERED SEVERAL HOMES IN THE PINE





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1 CREST AREA. WHILE OUR HOME ON ROCK PINE COMPED OUT SLIGHTLY  
2 HIGHER AS BEING ONE OF THE FEW STREETS WITH HOMES ON ONE SIDE  
3 OF THE HILL, AND THE BENEFIT OF HAVING A CUL-DE-SAC WITH HOMES  
4 ALSO ON ONE SIDE WERE WE FELT WOULD BE SAFER FOR OUR CHILDREN  
5 AND NOW FOR MANY OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN. THERE HAPPENS TO BE  
6 SOMEWHAT OF A BLIND CURVE WHERE MR. ROGIC PLANS TO BUILD HIS  
7 DRIVEWAY. I LIVE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THAT. I KNOW OTHERS HERE  
8 ARE HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE MAIN CONCERNS OF ENGINEERING AND  
9 COMPROMISE AND THE MAIN INTEGRITY OF THE HILLSIDE. MY VIEW  
10 REMAINS THE SAME AS IT DID IN 1987. I OPPOSED MR. ROGIC'S PLAN  
11 AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **ARLENE BOYCHUCK:** MY NAME IS ARLENE BOYCHUCK. I LIVE AT 2762  
16 ROCK PINE LANE. I AM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CUL-DE-SAC. NOVEMBER  
17 25TH, 2008, THERE WAS A FLOOD ON OUR STREET. THEY CLEANED THE  
18 HILL OFF FOR FIRE PREVENTION. WHEN THE RAIN CAME DOWN, SO DID  
19 ALL THE DEBRIS THAT WAS LEFT ON THE HILLSIDE. IT WENT INTO A  
20 NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE. IT CAME HALFWAY UP OUR DRIVEWAY AND ANOTHER  
21 NEIGHBOR'S DRIVEWAY. THAT HILLSIDE HAS BEEN THERE, WELL WE'VE  
22 BEEN THERE FOR 43 YEARS. THAT HILLSIDE HAS CHANGED. THERE IS  
23 EROSION ON THE HILLSIDE. ANY ATTEMPT TO BUILD A RETAINING WALL  
24 TO KEEP THAT FROM COMING DOWN IS RIDICULOUS. THERE IS A STORM  
25 DRAIN ON THE TOP, AND IT IS ERODING. I OPPOSE THIS PROJECT. I



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1 OPPOSED IT 23 YEARS AGO OR 20 YEARS AGO AND I OPPOSE IT NOW.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **GHIMUN NOH:** HELLO. MY NAME IS GHIMUN NOH. I LIVE IN ROCK PINE  
5 LANE, 2740, SINCE 1986. ACROSS STREET, MR. ROGIC WANTS THE  
6 SUBDIVISION. REALLY PROBLEM BECAUSE IF SOME FIRE OR SOME  
7 FLOOD, HERE ACROSS STREET, MY HOUSE IS CREATE REALLY DIFFICULT  
8 SITUATION. ANOTHER THING IS MY PRIVACY PROBLEM. SO I OPPOSE  
9 MR. ROGIC'S SUBDIVISION PROJECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **YESSCON NOH:** MY NAME IS --

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE MICROPHONE.

16

17 **YESSCON NOH:** MY NAME IS YESSCON NOH, 2740 ROCK PINE LANE, LA  
18 CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA. MY HOUSE IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THAT  
19 PLAN. THAT VERY STEEP AND HIGH LAND. IF THEY BUILT OVER THERE  
20 THE HOUSE, MY HOUSE IS VERY LOW. THEY CAN SEE IN MY HOUSE, OR  
21 IN MY FAMILY ROOM AND THE GARDEN AND EVERYWHERE THEY CAN WATCH  
22 IT. WE HAVE NO PRIVACY AT ALL. SO I OPPOSE THAT PROJECT. THANK  
23 YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK THE REGIONAL PLANNING.  
2   THIS WAS -- AND I HAD TURNED IT DOWN, I BELIEVE, BACK IN 1986  
3   OR '87 AND HAD TURNED IT DOWN BECAUSE OF THE DENSITY AND  
4   ATTEMPT TO -- THEY WERE GOING TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL HOMES ON  
5   THIS LOT. (AUDIENCE MEMBERS SAYING NO).  
6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE REGIONAL  
8   PLANNING: WHAT IS THE LOT SIZE ALONG WILLOWHAVEN, ROCK PINE  
9   WITHIN THE 1,000-FOOT RADIUS AND WHAT IS THE LOT SIZE THAT'S  
10   BEING RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TODAY?  
11

12   **JODIE SACKETT:** SUPERVISOR, THE RANGE OF LOT SIZES ALONG  
13   WILLOWHAVEN AND ROCK PINE ARE APPROXIMATELY BETWEEN 7,000 AND  
14   39,000 SQUARE FEET, WHICH IS BETWEEN .15 AND ALMOST ONE GROSS  
15   ACRE IN SIZE. THE PROPOSED LOT SIZES ARE IN EXCESS OF 15,000  
16   SQUARE FEET.  
17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THIS IS A 15,000.  
19

20   **JODIE SACKETT:** CORRECT.  
21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF EXISTING  
23   HOMES IN PINE CREST AND WHAT IS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE ON THIS  
24   PROPOSAL TODAY?  
25



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1   **JODIE SACKETT:** THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENCE IS  
2   APPROXIMATELY 2,500 SQUARE FEET.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT 2,500 SQUARE FEET?

5

6   **JODIE SACKETT:** AND BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED TO STAFF BY  
7   THE APPLICANT, MR. ROGIC, THAT IS COMPARABLE WITH HOMES IN THE  
8   AREA.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COMPARABLE. AND DID STAFF REVIEW THE  
11   SUBDIVISION MAP SHOWING ONLY ONE NEW HOME?

12

13   **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, WE HAVE, SUPERVISOR.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD, HAS THE APPLICANT  
16   REDUCED THE HEIGHT TO 28 FEET AND INCREASED THE FRONT SETBACK  
17   TO 15 FEET?

18

19   **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, THE APPLICANT HAS AND ACTUALLY REDUCED THE  
20   HEIGHT TO 25 FEET. SO EVEN LESS THAN 28 FEET.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE REVIEWED AND  
23   APPROVED THESE REVISED PLANS?

24



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1   **JODIE SACKETT:** THE REVISED PROJECT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND  
2   APPROVED BY THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE  
3   FIRE DEPARTMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IN TERMS OF SIZE AND SCALE, HOW IS  
6   THE PROPOSAL COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY?

7

8   **JODIE SACKETT:** THE REVISED PROJECT HAS AN INCREASED FRONT YARD  
9   SETBACK IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE COMPARABLE WITH THE HOMES IN  
10   THE COMMUNITY. THE LOT SIZE, AS NOW ONLY ONE HOME BEING  
11   PROPOSED, IS ALSO, IN TERMS OF THE SIZE OF THE HOME IN  
12   RELATION TO THE SIZE OF THE LOT, IS MORE COMPATIBLE WITH THE  
13   COMMUNITY, AS WELL.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW HIGH ABOVE THE STREET IS THE FIRST  
16   FLOOR?

17

18   **JODIE SACKETT:** THE FIRST FLOOR IS APPROXIMATELY 14 FEET ABOVE  
19   THE STREET GRADE.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THE IMPACTS OF RELOCATING THE HOME,  
22   WHAT WOULD BE THOSE IMPACTS IF THEY WERE RELOCATED TO THE  
23   STREET LEVEL?

24



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1   **JODIE SACKETT:** THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS FOR RELOCATING THE HOME  
2   AT STREET LEVEL WOULD INCLUDE INCREASED AMOUNTS OF GRADING,  
3   REDUCING THE FRONT YARD SETBACKS, INCREASED HEIGHT OF  
4   RETAINING WALLS IN THE REAR OF THE LOT. AND THAT'S IT.

5

6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHY IS THE REVISED PLAN A BETTER PLAN  
7   THAN THE ORIGINAL DESIGN?

8

9   **JODIE SACKETT:** THE REVISED PROJECT'S AESTHETIC DESIGN, LOT  
10   SIZE, YARD SETBACKS, HEIGHT, AND OVERALL SIZE, OVERALL  
11   BUILDING SIZE, ARE MORE COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY. IN  
12   ADDITION, POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED  
13   DUE TO ONLY ONE NEW RESIDENCE NOW PROPOSED INSTEAD OF TWO.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT WAS THE STAFF'S ORIGINAL  
16   RECOMMENDATION TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION?

17

18   **JODIE SACKETT:** STAFF'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR  
19   APPROVAL, SUPERVISOR.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID THE STAFF CONDUCT THE INITIAL STUDY  
22   PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT?

23

24   **JODIE SACKETT:** YES. STAFF DID CONDUCT AN INITIAL STUDY.

25



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE PROPOSED C.E.Q.A. CLEARANCE FOR  
2   THIS PROJECT?

3

4   **JODIE SACKETT:** THE PROPOSED C.E.Q.A. CLEARANCE IS A NEGATIVE  
5   DECLARATION.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEGATIVE. AND WERE THE REVISED PLANS MADE  
8   AVAILABLE TO THE NEIGHBORS AHEAD OF TODAY'S MEETING?

9

10   **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE REVISED PLANS WERE MADE  
11   AVAILABLE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF TODAY'S HEARING AT  
12   REGIONAL PLANNING OFFICES AND ONLINE VIA THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
13   WEBSITE.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE THERE ANY HOMES IN ROCK PINE  
16   DEVELOPED ON UPSLOPE LOTS?

17

18   **JODIE SACKETT:** MOST, IF NOT ALL THE EXISTING HOMES, WERE  
19   PLACED ON MORE FLAT BUILDING PADS AND LOTS CREATED WITH THE  
20   ORIGINAL TRACT SUBDIVISION BACK IN 1965.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF'S  
23   RECOMMENDATION TODAY IS TO WHAT?

24





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1   **JODIE SACKETT:** SUPERVISOR, TODAY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION IS  
2   THAT YOU ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVE THE  
3   PROJECT.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FOR PUBLIC WORKS, DID YOU ANALYZE THE  
6   PROPOSED DRIVEWAY LOCATION AND ITS ORIENTATION TO ROCK PINE?

7

8   **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE DID, SUPERVISOR.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID YOU ANALYZE THE LINE OF SIGHT FOR THE  
11   DRIVEWAY?

12

13   **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE DID, FOR BOTH VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND COMPARED TO THE OTHER STREETS IN PINE  
16   CREST, IS THE BEND IN ROCK PINE EXCEPTIONAL?

17

18   **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO, IT'S NOT, SUPERVISOR. THE CENTER LINE  
19   RADIUS FOR ROCK PINE IS 270 FEET. THE COUNTY'S MINIMUM CENTER  
20   LINE RADIUS FOR CUL-DE-SACS IS 100 FEET. AND OTHER STREETS IN  
21   THE AREA RANGE FROM 150-FOOT TO 170-FOOT RADIUS. SO IT'S NOT  
22   EXCEPTIONAL.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID THE PROPOSED DRIVEWAY MEET ALL OF THE  
25   PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS?



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2 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT DID, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO AS DESIGNED, PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS  
5 INDICATE THAT THE DRIVEWAY WOULD BE SAFE?

6

7 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES. WE BELIEVE IT'S SAFE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID YOU REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ORIGINAL  
10 DRAINAGE AND HYDROLOGY CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE PROJECT?

11

12 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE DID, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE THOSE PLANS STILL APPLICABLE IN  
15 CONCEPT SINCE THE PROJECT WAS REDUCED NOW TO ONE HOME INSTEAD  
16 OF TWO?

17

18 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT'S STILL CONSISTENT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID YOU APPROVE AND REVIEW A SOILS AND  
21 GEOLOGY STUDY FOR THE PROJECT?

22

23 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES. WE REVIEWED SOILS AND GEOLOGY REPORTS FOR  
24 THE TENTATIVE MAP. AND ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE REVIEWED AT  
25 THE GRADING AND BUILDING PERMIT STAGES, AS WELL.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THERE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT BUILDING  
3 A HOME ON UPSLOPE PROPERTY LIKE THIS ONE?

4

5 **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO, SUPERVISOR. IT'S A TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION  
6 METHOD IN A SLOPING TERRAIN AREA.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD PUBLIC WORKS REVIEW THE SOIL  
9 STABILITY AND STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY FOR THE PROPOSED POOL?

10

11 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE WOULD, SUPERVISOR, IN ADDITION TO THE  
12 RETAINING WALLS, AS WELL.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE THERE ANY POOLS ON EXISTING  
15 PROPERTIES THAT HAVE A SIMILAR SLOPE?

16

17 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, THERE IS, SUPERVISOR. THERE'S ABOUT 12  
18 LOTS IN THE VICINITY WITH SWIMMING POOLS THAT SIT ADJACENT TO  
19 A DESCENDING SLOPE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY INSTANCES WHERE  
22 POOLS RUPTURING OR FALLING OR FAILING IN THE PINE CREST  
23 NEIGHBORHOOD?

24



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1 **DENNIS HUNTER:** NO. OUR BUILDING AND SAFETY OFFICE ISN'T AWARE  
2 OF ANY, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE TODAY'S BUILDING CODES AND GRADING  
5 REQUIREMENTS STRICTER THAN THOSE IN PLACE WHEN MANY OF THOSE  
6 EXISTING HOMES IN PINE CREST WERE BUILT?

7

8 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, THEY ARE MORE STRICT, SUPERVISOR. AND  
9 SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARDS TO ENGINEERED GRADING REQUIREMENTS,  
10 INCREASE IN DESIGN LOADS FOR RETAINING WALLS, AS WELL AS  
11 REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL DEPUTY INSPECTION ON MASONRY RETAINING  
12 WALLS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE MANY PHOTOS OF THE HOMES  
15 IN THE AREA THAT ARE, AS YOU CAN SEE, COMPARABLE TO WHAT THE  
16 PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY. THE REASON WE HAD REJECTED THE  
17 ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS BECAUSE OF THE DENSITY AND THE NUMBER OF  
18 HOMES THAT WERE BEING SUGGESTED. AND AT THAT TIME OUR BOARD  
19 SAID THAT THEY HAD TO RESTRICT IT TO ONE HOME AND HAVE THE  
20 SIZE BE COMPARABLE TO EXISTING HOMES IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. AND  
21 AS A RESULT, THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION FOR THAT 2716  
22 WILLOWHAVEN DRIVE, WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AT TWO SEPARATE  
23 PUBLIC HEARINGS BY OUR BOARD. SO GIVEN THAT REDUCTION IN  
24 HEIGHT, THE INCREASED FRONT SETBACK AND THE REVISED PLANS THAT  
25 WERE APPROVED BY THE STAFF, THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC



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1 WORKS, THE HOME IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER HOMES IN THE PINE  
2 CREST NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THE APPLICANT COMPLIED BY REVISING THE  
3 ORIGINAL PROPOSALS THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO HAVE APPROVED,  
4 WHICH WAS NOT APPROVED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THAT  
5 AREA. BUT WITH THE MODIFICATIONS THAT MAKE IT COMPATIBLE TO  
6 SURROUNDING HOMES, WE WOULD LIKE TO THEN MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
7 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING BY ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION,  
8 DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND  
9 CONDITIONS ON THE APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 063010.  
10 BUT THE APPLICANT WILL STILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE  
11 STANDARDS BEFORE ANY PERMITS ARE GOING TO BE ISSUED. AND WOULD  
12 YOU, REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, ELABORATE ON WHAT  
13 STANDARDS HAVE TO BE REVIEWED BEFORE ANY BUILDING PERMITS ARE  
14 APPROVED?

15

16 **DENNIS HUNTER:** FIRST OF ALL, SUPERVISOR, THE APPLICANT WOULD  
17 NEED TO SUBMIT A GRADING PLAN THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN  
18 SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMANCE WITH THE TENTATIVE MAP IF IT WERE TO  
19 BE APPROVED TODAY, AS WELL AS STRUCTURAL DESIGNS FOR THE  
20 RETAINING WALLS, BUILDING PLANS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE  
21 AND SWIMMING POOL, AND THOSE WOULD NEED TO COMPLY WITH THE  
22 LATEST VERSION OF THE BUILDING CODE THAT WAS ADOPTED BY YOUR  
23 BOARD LAST YEAR.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REGIONAL PLANNING?



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2 **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE APPLICANT, PRIOR TO  
3 RECEIVING AN ISSUANCE FOR A BUILDING PERMIT, WILL HAVE TO COME  
4 BACK TO REGIONAL PLANNING AND SHOW STAFF PROPOSED PLANS,  
5 SPECIFICALLY ALSO RELATED TO THE PROPOSED RETAINING WALLS AND  
6 THE DESIGN OF THE DRIVEWAY SO THAT THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH  
7 WHAT IS BEING APPROVED TODAY.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED  
12 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
13 THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 10?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 10. THIS IS THE COMBINED HEARING  
16 ON PROJECT NO. R2007-2030, LOCAL PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO.  
17 200800005, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 200700146, HOUSING  
18 PERMIT CASE NO. 200700005, AND OAK TREE PERMIT CASE NO.  
19 200700039, A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION RELATING TO THE  
20 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2212 EL MOLINO AVENUE, AT 2141-2215  
21 CRAWFORD AVENUE, 850 CALAVERAS STREET AND 805-813 ALAMEDA  
22 STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA, ALTADENA  
23 ZONED DISTRICT, PETITIONED BY CAROLYN INGRAM SEITZ ON BEHALF  
24 OF THE EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO CALL THE SPEAKERS.

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3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS  
4    MATTER.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS  
7    MATTER?

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9    **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** A BRIEF.

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11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ALL YOURS.

12

13    **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ANITA GUTIERREZ FROM THE  
14    DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. TODAY'S AGENDA ITEM NO. 10  
15    INCLUDES A LOCAL PLOT AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE LAND USE  
16    CATEGORY IN THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY PLAN FROM CATEGORY 2 TO  
17    CATEGORY 4, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO 12 TO 22 DWELLING  
18    UNITS PER ACRE. A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE  
19    CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW 278-UNIT  
20    ASSISTED LIVING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY  
21    FOR SENIORS IN THE R-2 ZONE, ALONG WITH THE HOUSING PERMIT AND  
22    AN OAK TREE PERMIT. THE PROJECT SITE LOCATED AT 2212 EL MOLINO  
23    AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED PORTION OF ALTADENA. THE SENIOR  
24    ASSISTED AN INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITY WOULD PROVIDE 200  
25    INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS AND 38 ASSISTED LIVING UNITS. THE





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1 VILLA BUILDINGS WOULD PROVIDE 40 SENIOR APARTMENT UNITS.  
2 ALTOGETHER THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE 278 UNITS FOR  
3 SENIORS. THE PROPOSED PROJECT MEETS THE GOALS AND POLICIES SET  
4 FORTH IN THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY PLAN AS THIS PROJECT IS A  
5 SENIOR HOUSING FACILITY MEANT FOR RESIDENTS TO AGE IN PLACE  
6 WITH AMENITIES PROVIDED ON SITE, AND IS LOCATED NEAR  
7 COMMERCIAL USES. THAT CONCLUDES THE STAFF REPORT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? WE HAVE A  
10 NUMBER OF SPEAKERS SIGNED UP ON THIS. MOST IN FAVOR. IF YOU  
11 COULD LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS, PARTICULAR DUPLICATIVE TESTIMONY,  
12 WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT TO A MINUTE. BECAUSE MOST OF YOU ARE IN  
13 SUPPORT. MARTHA TAMBURRANO. I'LL CALL SEVERAL AT A TIME. J.  
14 DAVID HOGLUND, GINO SUND, DR. SANDRA THOMAS.

15

16 **MARTHA TAMBURRANO:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS.  
17 I'M WONDERING IF MR. HOGLUND AND I REPRESENTING THE PROJECT  
18 COULD HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH THE REMAINDER OF OUR  
19 SPEAKERS PROMISING TO BE VERY, VERY SHORT IF NOT AT ALL.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

22

23 **MARTHA TAMBURRANO:** I'M MARTHA TAMBURRANO, PRESIDENT OF THE  
24 EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES, AND WE THANK YOU FOR TO THE  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR REQUEST FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MONTE



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1 CEDRO, A NEW CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY WE'RE  
2 SEEKING TO DEVELOP IN ALTADENA. THE VISION OF MONTE CEDRO WAS  
3 MADE POSSIBLE BY THE MERGER OF TWO LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
4 ORGANIZATIONS WITH LONG AND DISTINGUISHED TRACK RECORDS IN THE  
5 FIELD OF SENIOR HOUSING AND SERVICES. THE EPISCOPAL HOME  
6 COMMUNITIES WAS FOUNDED IN 1923 AND NOW OPERATES THREE  
7 RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE OTHER  
8 ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN THE MERGER WAS THE SCRIPPS HOME,  
9 FOUNDED IN 1912. IT OPERATED ON THE SITE THAT'S UNDER  
10 DISCUSSION TODAY. BESIDES HAVING LONG HISTORIES AND  
11 REPUTATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE, THE EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES AND  
12 THE SCRIPPS HOME SHARED SIMILAR CHARITABLE MISSIONS WITH LONG-  
13 STANDING COMMITMENTS TO SERVE PEOPLE OF ALL FINANCIAL  
14 ABILITIES. AS PART OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THESE TWO  
15 ORGANIZATIONS, 140 RESIDENTS MOVED FROM THE SCRIPPS HOME IN  
16 ALTADENA TO SCRIPPS KENSINGTON IN ALHAMBRA. THE RESIDENTS ARE  
17 THRIVING THERE AND HAVE BROUGHT WONDERFUL NEW LIFE TO THE  
18 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE COMMITTED TO ALL THOSE RESIDENTS WHO MOVED  
19 FROM THE SCRIPPS HOME THAT THEY MAY RETURN TO MONTE CEDRO IN  
20 ALTADENA WHEN IT IS OPEN, IF THAT IS THEIR CHOICE. WE ARE  
21 PROUD TO SAY THAT THIS YEAR THE EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES IS  
22 PROVIDING \$3.5 MILLION IN CHARITABLE SUPPORT TO OVER 150  
23 SENIORS WHO LIVE AT SCRIPPS KENSINGTON. MOST OF THOSE SENIORS  
24 RELY ONLY ON S.S.I. AS THEIR ONLY MEANS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT,  
25 AND IT IS WITHIN OUR MISSION AND INTENT TO HAVE AN ONGOING



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1 BENEVOLENT CARE PROGRAM AT MONTE CEDRO IN ALTADENA, AS WELL.  
2 THE MERGER ALLOWED US TO DO A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC THINGS THAT  
3 WERE BENEFICIAL FOR BOTH ORGANIZATIONS, NOT IN THE LEAST WHICH  
4 WAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MONTE CEDRO, A NEW STATE OF ART  
5 COMMUNITY ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER SCRIPTS HOME. THE  
6 BUILDINGS ON THE SITE HAVE NOW BEEN DECONSTRUCTED, OVER 50  
7 PERCENT OF THE MATERIALS WERE RECYCLED AND THE SITE IS READY  
8 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW COMMUNITY, PENDING APPROVAL.  
9 WE'VE HAD ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT MEETINGS WITH THE NEIGHBORS TO  
10 GAIN THEIR INPUT INTO OUR PLANNING PROCESSES. WE'VE MET WITH  
11 TOWN LEADERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OVER THE COURSE OF  
12 THE LAST 24 MONTHS. WE MADE 25 PRESENTATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE  
13 RESIDENTS AND MORE THAN 300 INDIVIDUALS INDICATED AN INTEREST  
14 IN MOVING TO MONTE CEDRO, WE WERE DELIGHTED AND MOST GRATEFUL  
15 TO RECEIVE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FROM THE LAND USE COMMITTEE AND  
16 THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL. AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE  
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE GREAT WORK THEY DID WITH  
18 US ON THIS PROJECT AND THEIR AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IN OCTOBER.  
19 WE'VE REACHED OUT TO THE LEADERS OF MANY OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
20 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH COLLABORATIONS  
21 THAT WILL BRING THE OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES INTO THE CAMPUS TO  
22 BENEFIT THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS AS WELL. AS EVERYONE IN  
23 THIS ROOM KNOWS, THE DECLINE IN THE ECONOMY HAS AFFECTED ALL  
24 INDIVIDUALS AND CERTAINLY ALL ORGANIZATIONS. THE SUCCESSFUL  
25 DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IS



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1 DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE HOUSING MARKET AND THE FINANCIAL  
2 MARKETS. CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BOTH. HOUSING  
3 PRICES HAVE PLUMMETED AND CREDIT AT AFFORDABLE RATES IS STILL  
4 UNAVAILABLE. UNTIL THE HOUSING MARKET RETURNS AND FUNDING  
5 BECOMES AVAILABLE, WE CANNOT MOVE FORWARD. CONSEQUENTLY, EARLY  
6 THIS YEAR, OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPTED MANAGEMENT'S  
7 RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE FURTHER ACTIVITY ON THE PROJECT  
8 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT BECOMES ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE ONCE  
9 AGAIN. UPON REACHING THIS CONCLUSION, THE EPISCOPAL HOME  
10 COMMUNITIES RETURNED ALL DEPOSIT MONIES TO THE PROSPECT.  
11 HAVING SAID THAT, IT IS STILL OUR DESIRE TO BRING A SENIOR  
12 LIVING PROJECT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND WE HOPE THAT THE ECONOMIC  
13 CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE FAR INTO THE FUTURE, THEREFORE WE'RE  
14 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT YOU GRANT A FOUR-YEAR TIME PERIOD  
15 IN WHICH WE HAVE TO USE THE PERMIT. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS  
16 HEARING TODAY, AND I NOW INTRODUCE TO YOU DAVID HOGLUND, OUR  
17 ARCHITECT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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21 **DAVID HOGLUND:** MY NAME IS DAVID HOGLUND, I'M THE PRINCIPAL  
22 ARCHITECT WITH PERKINS EASTMAN. THE STAFF REPORT WAS REALLY  
23 QUITE THOROUGH AND MARTY TAMBURRANO'S OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT.  
24 SO I'D JUST LIKE TO HIT A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT POINTS. NOT ONLY  
25 WAS ALL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INPUT



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1 INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN, BUT THERE WERE EXTENSIVE EXPERT  
2 REPORTS ON GEOLOGY, THE TREES, HISTORICAL, AND ALL THE  
3 ARBOROUS REPORTS AND GEOLOGY THAT GUIDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
4 THIS PLAN. IT WAS OUR INTENT FROM THE BEGINNING TO DEVELOP A  
5 STATE-OF-THE-ART COMMUNITY THAT BUILT ON THE BEST ATTRIBUTES  
6 OF THE SITE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY MAINTAINING THE OPEN SPACE  
7 AND ACTUALLY SLIGHTLY BEING ABLE TO INCREASE THAT, MAINTAINING  
8 AS MANY OF THE MATURE TREES AS POSSIBLE AND ALSO UTILIZING  
9 EXISTING SITE ORGANIZATION WITH THE FRONT ENTRANCE OFF OF EL  
10 MOLINO, THE SERVICE DRIVE THROUGH THE MID-BLOCK FROM CALAVERAS  
11 SOUTH TO ALAMEDA, AND INCORPORATING THE SETBACKS OF THE FORMER  
12 BUILDINGS ON THE SITE AS THE GUIDELINES FOR OUR BUILDING  
13 DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO DEVELOPING THE OVERALL HEIGHT WITHIN THE  
14 FOUR-STORY BUILDINGS THAT HAD BEEN ON THE PROPERTY TO BEGIN  
15 WITH. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE SUSTAINABILITY PIECES  
16 AND MAKING SURE THAT OUR PROJECT WILL NOT ONLY BE A STATE-OF-  
17 THE-ART COMMUNITY FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THAT COMMUNITY BUT FOR  
18 THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. I SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THERE  
19 HAVE BEEN MODIFICATIONS OVER THE YEARS TO THIS PROJECT. FROM  
20 EARLY DECISIONS BASED ON NEIGHBOR INPUT TO REDUCING THE HEIGHT  
21 OF THE BUILDING FROM FIVE STORIES TO FOUR STORIES AND ALSO  
22 MEETING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND RELOCATING PIECES OF THE  
23 ENTRANCE DRIVE, WHICH ACTUALLY IMPACTED SOME OF THE TREE  
24 ISSUES THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED IN OUR REPORTS TO YOU. SO I'M  
25 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I ASK A COUPLE QUICK  
3 QUESTIONS? WHAT WAS YOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR THE PROJECT?

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5 **MARTHA TAMBURRANO:** WE HAD BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT MEETINGS WITH  
6 THE NEIGHBORS IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, ABOUT 1,000 FEET,  
7 WE NOTIFIED THEM AND INVITED THEM TO THE SITE AND HAD ANY  
8 NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ABOUT THEIR THINKING.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DO YOU NEED AN APPROVAL PERIOD THAT'S  
11 LONGER THAN THE STANDARD TWO-YEAR PLUS A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION?

12

13 **MARTHA TAMBURRANO:** AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE ARE NOT IN THE  
14 POSITION TO BE ABLE TO MARKET THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE TO DO SO  
15 WOULD REQUIRE US TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN A  
16 POSITION TO SELL THEIR HOMES AND SO THAT WILL BE NEEDED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE BENEVOLENT CARE PROGRAM? WHAT  
19 HAPPENS WITH THE ENDOWMENT FOR THE LIFETIME CARE OF RESIDENTS?

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21 **MARTHA TAMBURRANO:** AS WE DO AT OUR SCRIPPS KENSINGTON  
22 COMMUNITY, WE HAVE AN ENDOWMENT THAT IS SET ASIDE TO TAKE CARE  
23 OF SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO PAY THEIR FULL MONTHLY  
24 FEES. AND AS I SPOKE, WE DO NOW THREE AND A HALF MILLION  
25 DOLLARS OF CARE. IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO DO A MILLION AND A



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1 HALF OF CHARITABLE WORK AT THE MONTE CEDRO SITE. HOWEVER  
2 RECENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS HAVE ALSO IMPACTED OUR ENDOWMENTS.  
3 AND SO I THINK IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR ME TO COMMIT TO AN  
4 AMOUNT AT THIS TIME. BUT THAT IS OUR MISSION AS AN  
5 ORGANIZATION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT?

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11 **GINO SUND:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS GINO  
12 SUND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL. I'VE COME HERE  
13 TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS OF  
14 ALTADENA TO ASK YOU TO APPROVE THE MONTE CEDRO PROJECT. TOWN  
15 COUNCIL AND OUR LAND USE COMMITTEE BOTH VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO  
16 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. THIS WAS AFTER A LENGTHY  
17 AND COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS SPANNING MORE THAN TWO YEARS. THE  
18 EPISCOPAL HOMES COMMUNITY ENGAGED ALTADENA THROUGH THE TOWN  
19 COUNCIL AND WITH MULTIPLE MEETINGS WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
20 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD AND BEYOND. THEY MADE TWO COMPREHENSIVE  
21 AND DETAILED PRESENTATIONS TO OUR LAND USE COMMITTEE AND THREE  
22 PRESENTATIONS, ONE CONCEPTUAL AND TWO DETAILED, TO TOWN  
23 COUNCIL. THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS WERE WELL-ATTENDED, TWO  
24 ACTUALLY WERE STANDING ROOM ONLY. MOST OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED  
25 BY THE COMMUNITY WERE RELATED TO THE BENEVOLENT MISSION AND





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1 THE OPERATION OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION. BUT THERE WERE NO  
2 SIGNIFICANT LAND USE ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AT OUR  
3 MEETINGS. THE OVERWHELMING REACTION OF THE PROJECT WAS  
4 POSITIVE. AND IT IS THE COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT OF THE TOWN  
5 COUNCIL THAT THIS PROJECT ENJOYS BROAD SUPPORT THROUGHOUT  
6 ALTADENA. THE MONTE CEDRO PROJECT WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT  
7 DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEXT DECADE BECAUSE IT  
8 WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED SENIOR HOUSING AND EXPANDED ASSISTED  
9 LIVING OPTIONS FOR OUR RESIDENTS. SO AGAIN, WE ASK FOR YOUR  
10 POSITIVE CONSIDERATION.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK I THINK IT'S TECUMSEH  
13 SHACKELFORD, KEN BALDER, AND MONICA HUBBARD TO JOIN US. DR.  
14 THOMAS.

15  
16 **DR. SANDRA THOMAS:** THANK YOU AND GREETINGS. MY NAME IS SANDRA  
17 THOMAS, AND I AM A 32-YEAR RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. I CURRENTLY  
18 SIT ON THE TOWN COUNCIL, AND I'M ALSO A HUMAN RELATIONS  
19 COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT, MY SUPERVISOR,  
20 MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH. I'M HERE TOLD IN TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE  
21 MONTE CEDRO PROJECT, BECAUSE I SIMPLY FEEL THAT IT IS VITAL TO  
22 THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY. AND I FEEL THAT WAY BECAUSE THIS  
23 PROJECT HAS BEEN SIMPLY LAID OUT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF  
24 HOUSING AND SERVICES TO THE SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY. I BASE  
25 THIS NOT ONLY ON THE FACTS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT BEFORE US, BUT I



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1 DO TRULY BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY  
2 THAT ARE IN THEIR TWILIGHT YEARS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE  
3 CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE IS GOING  
4 TO CHANGE AT THIS POINT. AND I FEEL THAT THIS PROJECT  
5 CERTAINLY ADDRESSES AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF THESE CONCERNS. SO  
6 I'M JUST SIMPLY GOING TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
7 APPROVE THE REQUEST CONCERNING THIS MONTE CEDRO PROJECT TODAY,  
8 NOT ONLY BECAUSE WE'RE HERE BUT BECAUSE OF THE OVERALL  
9 BETTERMENT IT WILL BRING TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WELL-BEING  
10 OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. WITH THAT I THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GENE CAMPBELL. OKAY.  
13 SHACKELFORD.

14

15 **TECUMSEH SHACKELFORD:** YEAH. TECUMSEH SHACKELFORD OF THE  
16 ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL, TRACT 4610. I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. MY  
17 COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT AND I WANT TO KEEP MY TIME  
18 REAL SHORT LIKE YOU ASKED ME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I APOLOGIZE IN MISPRONOUNCING  
21 YOUR FIRST NAME. NEXT? I'D ASK THOMAS HUBBARD TO JOIN US, AS  
22 WELL, TOO.

23

24 **KEN BALDER:** KEN BALDER, CURRENT VICE CHAIR OF THE ALTADENA  
25 TOWN COUNCIL, URGING YOU TO PLEASE APPROVE THIS PROJECT.



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1 PROFESSIONALLY SPEAKING, MANY OF US IN ALTADENA AND MANY  
2 PEOPLE HAVE TALKED TO ME ABOUT WHY THEY COULDN'T HAVE A  
3 FACILITY LIKE THIS TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY GREW  
4 UP, RAISED THEIR CHILDREN AND REALLY ENDEARINGLY LOVE ALTADENA  
5 AND WOULD LOVE TO RETIRE IN ALTADENA IF THERE WAS SUCH A  
6 PROJECT. SO AGAIN WE THANK YOU AND HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THE  
7 PROJECT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. ALLEN MATHIES, JR.  
10 MONICA?

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12 **MONICA HUBBARD:** MY NAME IS MONICA HUBBARD, I'M A 41-YEAR  
13 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5 AND A 36-YEAR RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. FOR  
14 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY, I'M A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE  
15 ALTADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA  
16 SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
17 CO-CAPTAIN, FOUNDER OF THE ALTADENA WOMEN'S NETWORK, AND THE  
18 SOCIAL POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,  
19 PASADENA AREA. AS A LONGTIME ALTADENA RESIDENT ACTIVELY  
20 ENGAGED WITH MANY SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, I AM HERE TO  
21 SUPPORT THE PROJECT. AT A TIME WHEN THE FASTEST GROWING  
22 SEGMENT OF OUR AREA IS THE SENIOR POPULATION, WE KNOW THAT  
23 SENIOR HOUSING AT ALL AFFORDABILITY LEVELS IS IN SHORT SUPPLY.  
24 WE ALSO KNOW THAT ALTADENA HAS BEEN HOME TO A SENIOR CARE  
25 FACILITY ON THIS SITE FOR 95 YEARS. WE NEED MONTE CEDRO.



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1 ALTADENA HAS NO LOCAL NEWSPAPER. IN SPITE OF THAT,  
2 CONSIDERABLE OUTREACH CHALLENGES, THE EPISCOPAL HOME  
3 COMMUNITIES HAVE DONE AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB CONDUCTING  
4 COMMUNITY MEETINGS. I HAVE ATTENDED FIVE OF THOSE MEETINGS. AT  
5 EACH MEETING, I FOUND EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES'  
6 PRESENTATIONS THOROUGH, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIVE AND I MIGHT ADD  
7 INCREDIBLY PATIENT TO COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER INPUT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU COULD SORT OF WRAP IT UP THERE,  
10 WE'D APPRECIATE IT.

11

12 **MONICA HUBBARD:** IN SHORT, WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT  
13 AND HOPE THAT THE SUPERVISORS WILL APPROVE THE AMENDMENT, THE  
14 C.U.P., THE HOUSING PERMIT AND OAK TREE PERMITS. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. CAMPBELL, AND THEN I'M  
17 GOING TO ASK RON APEL TO JOIN US, PLEASE? PARDON ME? OKAY,  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **GENE CAMPBELL:** MY NAME IS GENE CAMPBELL. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
21 ALTADENA FOR ABOUT 38 YEARS. AND THE WAY I LOOK AT THIS  
22 PROGRAM, I BELIEVE IN VOLUNTEERING. AND WITH THE RESIDENTS  
23 LIVING IN THIS PROJECT, THEY HAVE TWO SCHOOLS THEY CAN  
24 VOLUNTEER AT: AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE NORTH AND A MIDDLE



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1 SCHOOL TO THE EAST WITHIN A WALKING DISTANCE. SO I DO HOPE YOU  
2 APPROVE THIS PROJECT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

5

6 **TOM HUBBARD:** MY NAME'S TOM HUBBARD. I'M A FORMER TOWN COUNCIL  
7 REPRESENTATIVE. I AM A CO-CAPTAIN OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH,  
8 AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE SHERIFF'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. I'M A  
9 RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 22 YEARS WITH D.P.S.S. AND  
10 BEGINNING IN THE OLD MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED PROGRAM,  
11 WHICH TOOK ME INTO A NUMBER OF SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES. AND  
12 COMPARED TO THEM, THE ONE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY,  
13 MONTE CEDRO IS HEAD AND SHOULDERS, IT'S MAGNIFICENT. A FRIEND  
14 OF OURS WAS APPOINTED BY BISHOP JOHN BRUNO TO BE THE CHAPLAIN  
15 AT KENSINGTON, WHICH IS ANOTHER OF THE EPISCOPAL HOME  
16 COMMUNITIES' FACILITIES, AND I HAD TIME TO SPEND OVER THERE  
17 AND WAS IMPRESSED MIGHTILY BY THE ATMOSPHERE THAT'S CREATED BY  
18 THE SENSE THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE OF THEIR VALUE. AND THE  
19 POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A FACILITY LIKE THAT SERVING THE AGED  
20 PEOPLE, OF WHOM I NUMBER MYSELF, IN ALTADENA IS SOMETHING THAT  
21 I HOPE YOU CAN FIND IT IN YOUR STANDARDS TO SUPPORT.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU TO THE OTHERS  
24 WHO WAIVED THEIR SPEAKING TIME IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT. THE



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1 RECORD WILL SO REFLECT. MR. STEVEN LAMB. MR. LAMB IS IN  
2 OPPOSITION AND THEN ARNOLD SACHS.

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4 **STEVEN LAMB:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.  
6 I HAVE ONE MINUTE TO GIVE YOU A FIVE-MINUTE TALK. THAT'S NOT  
7 UNUSUAL. I WISH I COULD TAKE YOU BACK TO SCRIPPS WHEN IT STILL  
8 EXISTED THERE BECAUSE SCRIPPS IS A TERRIBLE LOSS TO THIS  
9 COMMUNITY. SCRIPPS WAS AN INSTITUTION THAT PROVIDED EXTREMELY  
10 HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR BOTH AMBULATORY OLD PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO  
11 WERE SICK, WHICH MONTE CEDRO IS NOT GOING TO DO, AT A VERY  
12 AFFORDABLE COST. AND IT WAS A VITAL CENTER TO OUR COMMUNITY.  
13 MONTE CEDRO IS GOING TO BE AN ACT OF GENTRIFICATION AND IS NOT  
14 GOING TO PROVIDE THE SAME LEVELS OF CARE AND SERVICE. AND THEN  
15 BECAUSE I SEE THE TIME CLICKING AWAY QUICKLY, I'D ALSO ASK  
16 THAT YOU NOT EXTEND TO THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD THE APPROVAL.  
17 THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN GET THIS PROJECT FINANCED IN THE NEXT  
18 THREE YEARS. AND WHY DON'T WE WAIT AND SEE WHAT THEIR PLANS  
19 ARE REALLY GOING TO BE FOR WHAT WE HAVE AS OUR REAL ECONOMY  
20 WHEN WE'RE DONE IN FOUR YEARS WHEN WE COME THROUGH THE CRISIS.  
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS. JUST VERY  
2   CURIOUS ABOUT THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, 146-5 AND 0005-5. IS  
3   IT POSSIBLE TO GET A BREAKDOWN EXACTLY HOW MANY OF THE 278  
4   UNITS WILL BE IN THE R-2 FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE VERSUS THE A-1  
5   ZONE? AND THE 14 PERCENT DENSITY BONUS FOR THE PORTION OF THE  
6   R-2 ZONE, WHAT WOULD BE THAT TOTAL OF THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS  
7   THAT WOULD BE IN THE R-2 ZONE ITSELF? IS THERE GOING TO BE 180  
8   HOMES IN THE R-2 LOT RESIDENCE ZONE? AND THE REST IN THE LIGHT  
9   AGRICULTURAL ZONE? AND THEN THE 14 PERCENT WOULD BE AT 180? OR  
10   HOW DOES THAT BREAK DOWN? JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY. THANK YOU.

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12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WELL IT'S 278 TOTAL UNITS.  
13   THE 14 PERCENT DENSITY BONUS I ASSUME IS INCLUDED IN THAT. MR.  
14   ANTONOVICH?

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK THE REGIONAL PLANNING? WHAT WAS  
17   THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDINGS THAT WERE DEMOLISHED? AND WHAT ARE  
18   THE PROPOSED HEIGHTS FOR THIS PROJECT?

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20   **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** THE ORIGINAL HEIGHT OF THE BUILDINGS WERE  
21   FOUR STORIES, APPROXIMATELY 65 FEET TALL AT ITS HIGHEST POINT.  
22   THE PROPOSED BUILDING, NEW BUILDINGS ARE AT ITS HIGHEST POINT  
23   65 FEET WITH OTHER BUILDINGS STEPPING DOWN AND BEING 35 FEET  
24   TALL.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL OR OTHER STUDIES WERE  
2   PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT?

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4   **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** THERE WAS A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
5   PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT, AND SEVERAL STUDIES INCLUDING  
6   HYDROLOGY, GRADING AND DRAINAGE, ARCHAEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL,  
7   TRAFFIC, AIR QUALITY, A SEWER AREA STUDY AS WELL AS AN  
8   ARBORIST REPORT.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHY ARE THE TALLER BUILDINGS LOCATED ON  
11   THE PROPERTY?

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13   **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** THE TALLER BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED MORE TOWARDS  
14   THE EL MOLINO PORTION OF THE PROJECT AND ARE STEPPED DOWN IN  
15   HEIGHT.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE MAIN ENTRANCE REMAIN WHERE IT IS?

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19   **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** THE MAIN ENTRANCE FOR THE FACILITY IS LOCATED  
20   ON EL MOLINO, WHERE PREVIOUSLY THE MAIN ENTRANCE FOR THE  
21   SCRIPPS PROJECT WAS. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE MAIN ENTRANCE  
22   ON EL MOLINO WILL ONLY SERVE AS A PICKUP AND DROP-OFF. THE  
23   MAIN ENTRANCE FOR THE PARKING LOT, THE SUBTERRANEAN PARKING,  
24   WILL BE LOCATED ON ALAMEDA, AND ANOTHER DRIVEWAY FOR SERVICE  
25   ENTRANCE OF VEHICLES ON CALAVERAS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE ENTRANCE FOR THE VILLAS ALONG  
3 CRAWFORD?

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5 **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** THERE ARE FOUR ENTRANCES, FOUR DRIVEWAYS FOR  
6 THE VILLAS ON CRAWFORD.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDER  
9 THIS PROJECT?

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11 **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** YES, THEY DID. AND THEY SENT A LETTER OF  
12 SUPPORT IN SEPTEMBER OF 2008.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT WAS THE VOTE OF THE REGIONAL  
15 PLANNING COMMISSION?

16

17 **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** IT WAS 4-0 AT THE COMMISSION.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNANIMOUS VOTE BASICALLY. WHAT IS THE BASIS  
20 OF YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT?

21

22 **ANITA GUTIERREZ:** THE PRIMARY BASIS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S  
23 SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT IS THAT IT PROVIDES THAT NEEDED SENIOR  
24 HOUSING FOR THE AREA AS WELL AS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY



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1 AREA, AS WELL AS IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY  
2 PLAN AS WELL AS THE ZONING CODE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. AND FOR PUBLIC WORKS, DID YOU  
5 REVIEW THE TRAFFIC STUDY? AND DID YOU CONCLUDE WHAT WITH THAT  
6 STUDY?

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8 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, SUPERVISOR, WE DID REVIEW A TRAFFIC STUDY.  
9 AND IT CONCLUDED THAT THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS  
10 CREATED BY THE PROJECT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU AGREE WITH THOSE CONCLUSIONS?

13

14 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE AGREED WITH THE CONSULTANT'S  
15 CONCLUSIONS.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID YOU REVIEW THE SEWER AREA STUDY AND ARE  
18 THERE ANY SEWER REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED? AND WHAT  
19 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS WOULD THERE BE IF THEY ARE REQUIRED?

20

21 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, WE REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE SEWER AREA  
22 STUDY, SUPERVISOR. AND IT REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO CONSTRUCT  
23 ABOUT 100 FOOT OF SEWER UPGRADE WHERE IT CONNECTS TO THE  
24 SANITATION DISTRICT TRUNK LINE. AND THAT WILL BE UPSIZING AN  
25 8-INCH SEWER TO A 15-INCH SEWER.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

3 IN ALTADENA HAS BEEN A HOME TO SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENTS SINCE

4 1912. THE CURRENT OWNER, EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES, HAS

5 PROPOSED TO CONSTRUCT A SENIOR CITIZENS' RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

6 ON THIS SITE. THE PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE A VALUABLE SENIOR

7 HOUSING IN ALTADENA WHICH HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF AN EXTENSIVE

8 LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORT FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. THE

9 PROJECT THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY WAS STATED CONSIDERED BY

10 THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL AND ITS LAND USE COMMITTEE. AFTER

11 PUBLIC TESTIMONY FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE COUNCIL VOTED

12 UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. THE REGIONAL PLANNING

13 COMMISSION ALSO, AS STATED, APPROVED ON A 4-0 VOTE APPROVAL OF

14 THIS PROJECT. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC

15 HEARING, ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, SIGNIFY OUR

16 INTENT TO APPROVE THE LOCAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND HOUSING PERMIT,

17 OAK TREE PERMIT AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, DIRECTING STAFF TO

18 MODIFY THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL TO PROVIDE FOR AN INITIAL

19 TERM OF APPROVAL OF FOUR YEARS WITH THE POTENTIAL OF AN

20 ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSION, UPON APPLICATION OF THE

21 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND PROHIBIT THE ACTUAL

22 REMOVAL OF OAK TREES UNTIL THE ISSUANCE OF A GRADING PERMIT

23 FOR THE PROJECT, DIRECTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE FINDINGS

24 AND CONDITIONS TO AFFIRM THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S



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1 APPROVAL FOR THE PROJECT, AND BRING THE MATTER BACK TO THE  
2 BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED WHICH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SO  
6 ORDERED. THANK YOU. WE'LL GO BACK AND CLEAN UP ITEMS NO. 1 AND  
7 2.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM NO. 1 AND MEMBERS OF  
10 THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS A DETERMINATION HAS  
11 BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED  
12 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITIONS NO. 109-  
13 80658-407, 160-1206, 1-107, 54-407, 118-807 AND 43-307 TO  
14 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
15 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE  
16 APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ORDERING  
17 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF THE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE  
18 AFOREMENTIONED PETITIONS TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
19 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1,  
20 UNINCORPORATED ZONE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 2, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A  
2 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS  
3 AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL  
4 ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES,  
5 PROJECT NUMBERS L-042-2007-- EXCUSE ME. THE NEXT ITEM, L071-  
6 2007, L096-2007, AND L079-2002, AND TRACT NUMBER 65157; 54367  
7 AND 52829 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND  
8 1697, COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED AND  
9 CARSON ZONES. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE  
10 BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ORDERING ANNEXATION AND THE  
11 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE AFOREMENTIONED  
12 ANNEXED APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY  
13 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 1687 AND 1697, AND COUNTY  
14 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED AND CARSON ZONES.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST FOR EVERYONE'S INFORMATION, AS I  
22 MENTIONED EARLIER, WE'LL BE GOING AT 1:00 TO AN UPDATE FROM  
23 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ON ISSUES SURROUNDING THE SWINE FLU  
24 SITUATION. SO IF WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING, I JUST WANT  
25 YOU TO KNOW SO NOBODY GETS UPSET THAT WE'RE GOING TO BREAK TO



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1 TAKE OUR 1:00 PRESENTATION. SO ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY NOON, I KNOW  
2 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT ARE GOING TO REQUIRE SOME TIME,  
3 BUT SHOULD WE BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THOSE, I WOULD ASK YOUR  
4 COOPERATION. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE UP  
5 FIRST ON SPECIALS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I  
8 MOVE TOWARD ITEM NO. 11? I ACKNOWLEDGE WHERE WE ARE WITH  
9 RESPECT TO OUR AGENDA FOR THE DAY AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A  
10 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WORK TO DO. IT IS IMPORTANT TO INDICATE  
11 THAT QUITE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN  
12 PREPARATION FOR ITEM 11. THE MOTION IS BEFORE YOU. IT  
13 ESSENTIALLY CALLS FOR THE C.E.O., ALONG WITH APPROPRIATE  
14 STAFF, TO GIVE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE SUBSTANTIAL WORK THAT HAS  
15 BEEN DONE BY THE L.A. OPTIONS TASKFORCE. AND RATHER THAN  
16 BELABOR THE POINT NOW, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I'D ASK  
17 THAT WE ALLOW DR. WOODY MYERS AND DR. HECTOR FLORES TO COME  
18 FORWARD.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEY HAVE SIGNED UP, DR. FLORES AND DR.  
21 MYERS AS WELL AS DR. CLAVREUL, THE THREE OF YOU WOULD COME  
22 FORWARD, PLEASE.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THESE TWO HEALTHCARE EXPERTS ARE THE CHAIR  
25 AND CO-CHAIR, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE WORK. THEY'RE WELL ABLE TO





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1 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THIS PRODUCT. AND FROM THAT POINT, MR.  
2 CHAIR, WE CAN APPROPRIATELY DISPOSE OF THE ITEM. DR. MYERS?  
3 WHY DON'T YOU LOWER THAT MIC?

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5 **DR. WOODROW MYERS:** I'M DR. WOODROW MYERS, AND I HAD THE  
6 PRIVILEGE OF CHAIRING THE HEALTHCARE OPTIONS TASKFORCE, WHERE  
7 A GROUP OF CIVIC LEADERS, INCLUDING DR. FLORES, DR. DUPLESSIS  
8 FROM U.C.L.A., DEAN TIPPS FROM THE S.E.I.U, JIM LOTT FROM THE  
9 HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, GARY TOBIN, PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES  
10 CHAMBER, DR. CHU, PRESIDENT OF THE KAISER PERMANENTE OF  
11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MARY ODELL, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIHEALTH  
12 FOUNDATION, LARK GALLOWAY-GILLIAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
13 COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS AND TOM PRISELAC, C.E.O. OF CEDARS-  
14 SINAI, ALL PARTICIPATED AND LOOKED AT VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR HOW  
15 WE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN IMPROVE OUR DELIVERY OF  
16 HEALTHCARE SERVICES. HE WORKED UNDER THE PREMISE THAT WE WERE  
17 LOOKING FORWARDS, AND NOT BACKWARDS. WE ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE  
18 OF WORKING WITH THE STAFFS OF EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT ARE  
19 HERE TODAY. WE LOOKED AT OTHER SYSTEMS NATIONWIDE AND WE HAD  
20 THE ASSISTANCE OF PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS, WHERE WE CATALOGED  
21 WHAT WAS GOING ON IN SIX LARGE COMPARABLE SYSTEMS ACROSS THE  
22 NATION. AND WE TRAVELED AS A TASKFORCE TO NEW YORK AND TO  
23 MIAMI, ACCOMPANIED BY AT LEAST THREE OF THE OFFICES THAT ARE  
24 REPRESENTED ON THE DAIS TODAY. WE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 PRESENT OUR FINAL DRAFT REPORT ALONG WITH THE PRICE WATERHOUSE



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1 COMPANION REPORT TO EACH OF YOUR STAFFS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL  
2 WEEKS. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE CREATED AN OUTLINE FOR MOVING  
3 FORWARD IN AN EXPEDITIOUS WAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS,  
4 OR RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN OUR DOCUMENT. THEY ARE WITHIN THE  
5 AREAS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, QUALITY OF CARE. WE MAKE  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCE. AND WE ALSO MAKE  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT. FAR  
8 TOO MANY FOR US TO DETAIL FOR YOU TODAY. BUT WE'RE VERY  
9 HOPEFUL THAT THE SUPERVISORS AND YOUR TEAMS WILL TAKE A VERY  
10 CAREFUL LOOK AT OUR REPORT, AT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ALLOW  
11 US TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOUR STAFFS IN MOVING FORWARD.  
12 BECAUSE THE SPECIFICITY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS SUCH THAT  
13 WE'RE ASKING THAT ACTION IS TAKEN OVER THE NEXT 60 DAYS.  
14 DOCTOR FLORES WOULD LIKE TO ADD BRIEFLY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. FLORES?

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18 **DR. HECTOR FLORES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
19 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS VICE CHAIR OF THIS TASKFORCE,  
20 I WANTED TO TAKE A COUPLE MINUTES TO GIVE YOU SOME BACKGROUND  
21 ON OUR WORK AND WHY WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD PROVE TO BE  
22 HELPFUL TO YOU AS YOU DELIBERATE ON THE DIFFICULT ISSUES OF  
23 PLANNING FOR BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE DEPARTMENT.  
24 AS A GROUP, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WERE VALUABLE EFFORTS OF  
25 PREVIOUS COMMISSIONS AND BLUE RIBBON TASKS FORCES THAT LOOKED



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1 AND STUDIED AND SUGGESTED MODELS OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC  
2 SAFETY NET. AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY NET, AS WE DESCRIBE IT,  
3 INCLUDES THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.  
5 AND WE LEARNED A LOT FROM THEM AND DID NOT ENDEAVOR TO SIMPLY  
6 DUPLICATE THEIR EFFORTS, BUT RATHER WE FOCUSED ON TAKING THE  
7 VALUABLE INFORMATION THAT THEY PROVIDED US AND TAKE IT TO ITS  
8 LOGICAL CONCLUSION, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THEIR  
9 APPLICABILITY IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT. AND OUR WORK WAS REALLY  
10 ENHANCED CONSIDERABLY BY THE SUPPORT AND ADVICE FROM THE U.C.  
11 PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, PARTICULARLY DR. CATHERINE MASON, AND THE  
12 L.A. COUNTY C.E.O.'S OFFICE, MR. FUJIOKA AND HIS DEPUTY  
13 C.E.O., MS. SHEILA SHIMA. THEY REALLY BENEFITED US IN OUR  
14 THINKING AND HELPED US IN GUIDING OUR DISCUSSIONS. SECONDLY,  
15 IN ADDITION TO LOOKING AT PREVIOUS WORK, WE WANTED TO PROVIDE  
16 A REPORT THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE SAFETY NET REDESIGN,  
17 PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE ECONOMIC PRESSURES THAT  
18 YOU'RE ALL EXPERIENCING, WHICH ARE CONSIDERABLE, AND WE  
19 UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT ALSO IN LOOKING AT THE OPPORTUNITIES  
20 PRESENTED BY THE MEDI-CAL WAIVER, THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC  
21 STIMULUS AND THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM THAT  
22 WE THINK ARE ALL TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE SHOULD ALL  
23 WORK TOGETHER ON. THIRDLY, WE STUDIED SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE  
24 UNITED STATES AND LOOKED AT SOME BEST PRACTICES AND LEARNED  
25 HOW THEY WENT ABOUT DESIGNING THE SYSTEM THAT THEY HAVE, IN



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1 PARTICULAR WE VISITED NEW YORK CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
2 CORPORATION AS WELL AS THE JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM IN MIAMI. AND  
3 WE REALLY APPRECIATED THAT THREE OF YOUR DISTRICTS, DISTRICT 3  
4 AND DISTRICT 4 AND DISTRICT 2 WERE REPRESENTED IN THOSE SITE  
5 VISITS BECAUSE THEIR INSIGHT WAS VERY HELPFUL. LASTLY, WE KNEW  
6 THAT OUR TASKFORCE DID NOT HAVE THE REPRESENTATION OF ALL THE  
7 STAKEHOLDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INDEED IN CALIFORNIA. SO  
8 WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND AS PART OF OUR PACKAGE OF  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOUR BOARD APPOINT A LOS ANGELES  
10 HEALTHCARE PLANNING COMMISSION MODELED AFTER SUCCESSFUL  
11 EFFORTS IN THE PAST, SOME THAT I HAD A CHANCE TO WORK WITH  
12 PERSONALLY, THAT I THOUGHT BROUGHT ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS  
13 TOGETHER AND ACTUALLY FORCED ALL OF US TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY  
14 AND RATHER THAN BEATING UP ON EACH OTHER LOOKING AT THE MEDI-  
15 CAL WAIVER FROM A CERTAIN PERSPECTIVE OR THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS  
16 FROM OUR OWN VANTAGE POINT OR EVEN THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTHCARE  
17 REFORM PLAN THAT WE ALL WORK COLLECTIVELY. BECAUSE WE ALL  
18 ULTIMATELY HAVE THE SAME GOAL, WHICH IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF  
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN A BETTER WAY. THANK YOU.

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21 **DR. WOODROW MYERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **DR. HECTOR FLORES:** BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE  
24 ANY.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR.

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5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL, I'M SORRY.

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7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND PERHAPS DR. MYERS AND DR. FLORES WOULD  
8    REMAIN.

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10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

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12   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
13   DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I APPRECIATE DR. FLORES MENTIONING  
14   THAT MANY STAKEHOLDERS WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THAT PROJECT, ME  
15   BEING ONE OF THEM. I WOULD HAVE VERY MUCH WANTED TO BE  
16   INVOLVED. AND I THINK I AM AS MUCH AN EXPERT IN HEALTHCARE  
17   THAN BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER. AND I THINK IT'S VERY SAD THAT YOU  
18   HAVE A LOT OF THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO HELP WHO ARE NEVER  
19   BROUGHT TO THE TABLE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GAVE A REPORT TO  
20   THE SUPERVISORS TODAY IN WRITING. DID YOU GIVE A REPORT? DID  
21   YOU GET A REPORT IN WRITING? DID YOU JUST GET IT TODAY? OR YOU  
22   HAD IT FOR BEFORE?

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24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON THAT NOTE, MR. CHAIRMAN --

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE GOT IT TODAY. THAT'S WHY HIS MOTION  
2   IS ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK ON IT. THAT'S ALL IT IS.

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4   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH. WELL, IT WOULD BE NICE THAT WE  
5   HAD BEEN INFORMED. IT WAS A REPORT. AND DEFINITELY I WOULD  
6   LIKE A COPY OF THAT REPORT.

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON ITS WAY.

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10   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT  
11   PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE LOCALE, AND PEOPLE WHO ARE  
12   GOING TO RECEIVE THE CARE ARE ALSO INVOLVED. AND I DON'T KNOW  
13   THAT ANY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. BECAUSE I'M  
14   CONSTANTLY SUDDENLY RECEIVING CALLS FOR THE PEOPLE IN OUR  
15   DISTRICT. SO, ANYWAY, I WROTE ACTUALLY AN ARTICLE IN THE  
16   WORKING NURSE HAVING TO DO WITH THE REOPENING OF KING-DREW.  
17   AND THE COPY FOR EACH ONE OF YOU. THANK YOU.

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19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S CLEAR THAT  
22   THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL BODY OF WORK DESIGNED TO BE OF AID IN  
23   OUR ONGOING DELIBERATIONS ABOUT WHAT IS CLEARLY ONE OF THE  
24   HIGHEST, IF NOT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY, FOR THIS BOARD. I'VE  
25   SOUGHT TO MAKE IT AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE IN EACH INSTANCE THAT



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1 THE ISSUE OF COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, THE SAFETY NET AND ALL  
2 THAT PERTAINS TO IT IS A MATTER WITH WHICH WE CONTINUE TO  
3 GRAPPLE. I'M IMPRESSED, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WITH THE  
4 CALIBER OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONVERSATION,  
5 BOTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR AS WELL AS THE  
6 PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTING BUSINESS, REPRESENTING LABOR,  
7 REPRESENTING HEALTHCARE EXPERTS, PRACTITIONERS, ACADEMICS,  
8 MANAGERS, C.E.O.S OF MAJOR SYSTEMS, H.M.O.S AS WELL AS MORE  
9 TRADITIONAL DELIVERY SYSTEMS. I INTERPRET THE WORK THAT HAS  
10 BEEN CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND POTENTIALLY  
11 USEFUL. OBVIOUSLY THOSE WHO BRING THESE OBSERVATIONS,  
12 RECOMMENDATIONS, REFLECTIONS TO OUR ATTENTION IN THE CONTEXT  
13 OF THIS REPORT ARE NOT NECESSARILY WORKING WITH ALL OF THE  
14 INFORMATION AT OUR DISPOSAL. BUT THEY BRING POTENTIALLY FRESH  
15 IDEAS TO BEAR THAT I THINK WE ARE OBLIGED TO EVALUATE. THE  
16 CONSENSUS WROUGHT BY SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF EXPERTS, IN AND  
17 OF ITSELF, IS COMPELLING. THEREFORE, THE MOTION TO HAVE THE  
18 C.E.O., ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO SCRUB  
19 THIS REPORT, TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, COME BACK TO US IN AT LEAST 60  
20 DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF YET ANOTHER DISCUSSION. AND IN BETWEEN  
21 THOSE TWO POINTS IN TIME, I BELIEVE THE DISCUSSION OUGHT TO  
22 TAKE OFF IN A BRISK, VIBRANT, AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. AND TO  
23 THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I THINK WE WILL BE WELL  
24 SERVED. AND ON THAT BASIS, MR. CHAIR, I SO MOVE.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES, THE  
2    CHAIR WILL SECOND. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I GUESS I WOULD ASK MR. FUJIOKA. HOW WOULD  
5    THIS REPORT IMPACT THE COUNTY'S ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE  
6    UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA?

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8    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'D SEE THIS AS A REVIEW AND AN EFFORT THAT'S  
9    SEPARATE FROM OUR CURRENT EFFORTS RIGHT NOW TO REOPEN KING IN  
10   PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. ON A GO-FORWARD  
11   BASIS, ONCE WE GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF ANALYZING THIS  
12   REPORT, THERE MAY BE SOME ASPECTS IN HERE THAT CAN HELP US AS  
13   WE AS WE ACTUALLY OPEN THE FACILITY AND WITH THAT START  
14   PROVIDING PATIENT CARE TO THE FACILITY. BUT WHAT I WOULDN'T  
15   WANT IS BECAUSE WE'VE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, WE HAVE  
16   SIGNIFICANT MOMENTUM GOING RIGHT NOW TOWARDS THE EFFORT AND  
17   WORKING IN CONCERT WITH THE U.C. SYSTEM, I WOULDN'T WANT THIS  
18   TO DELAY IT. BUT AS WE OPENED IT, MY WHOLE FOCUS, I'VE BEEN  
19   VERY CANDID ABOUT THIS. WE CAN'T IMPROVE THE DELIVERY SYSTEM  
20   UNTIL WE ACHIEVE THAT FIRST STEP. AND THAT FIRST STEP IS  
21   REOPENING THE HOSPITAL. WE CAN IMPROVE IT FOR THE PRIVATE  
22   CLINICS THAT WE HAVE IN THE SYSTEM. WE CAN IMPROVE OUR  
23   RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR M.A.C.C. IN THE PRIVATE CLINICS AND THE  
24   OTHER HOSPITALS. BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST, OUR FOCUS NOW IS ON  
25   OPENING UP KING HOSPITAL. AND THAT'S MY GOAL.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WOULD YOU CHOOSE THE MEMBERS '  
3 QUALIFICATIONS, WOULD THE MEMBERS HAVE TO HAVE?

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON THIS COMMISSION OR THE BOARD -- WELL, I  
6 WOULD LIKE TIME TO LOOK AT THIS --

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN BE PREMATURE, I THINK.

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10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON THAT NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TIME TO LOOK AT  
11 THIS AND REPORT BACK. WE CAN LOOK AT THE OPTIONS. I HAVEN'T  
12 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, I'VE BEEN A LITTLE BIT BUSY TO READ THIS  
13 REPORT IN DETAIL. AND I DO PLAN TO DO THAT. OUR STAFF HAS READ  
14 IT. WE'VE IDENTIFIED -- THEY'VE GIVEN ME THEIR PRELIMINARY  
15 ANALYSIS. BUT WE STILL NEED THAT TIME TO GET INTO IT IN  
16 DETAIL.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WOULD IT DIFFER FROM OTHER COMMISSIONS?

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I COULDN'T COMMENT RIGHT NOW. BUT I WILL. I  
21 WILL FOCUS ON THOSE ISSUES FOR YOU.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
2    THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR  
3    COMMENTS? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU BOTH.

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5    **DR. HECTOR FLORES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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11    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIR, WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO  
12    CONTINUE WITH THE MATTERS?

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14    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE UP. ADJOURNMENTS, ITEMS, WHATEVER  
15    YOU PREFER.

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17    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME PROCEED TO ANOTHER ITEM OF  
18    CONSEQUENCE. I'D LIKE TO READ IN THIS MOTION REGARDING  
19    D.C.F.S. [APPLAUSE.]

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21    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

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23    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WASN'T ME APPLAUDING.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, BUT THAT APPLAUSE WAS FOR YOU, MR.  
2    CHAIR, FOR SOME PECULIAR REASON. IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS,  
3    WE'VE HAD SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS PERTAINING TO VERY SERIOUS  
4    MATTERS, SPECIFICALLY THOSE THAT HAVE COME TO THE ATTENTION OF  
5    THE BOARD BY WAY OF APPROPRIATELY COMMUNICATED DOCUMENTS TO  
6    OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES. BUT IT IS NOW UPON US TO TAKE THE  
7    MATTER OF HOW WE DEAL WITH THE ONGOING ISSUE OF DEATHS OF  
8    CHILDREN TO YET ANOTHER LEVEL. AND IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD TO  
9    CRAFT A SOUND AND EFFECTIVE POLICY, DATA AND INFORMATION MUST  
10   BE COLLECTED, ORGANIZED AND ANALYZED IN ORDER TO MAKE AN  
11   INFORMED DECISION. AND THAT'S CERTAINLY WHAT I KNOW ALL OF US  
12   WISH TO DO. THE COLLECTION OF DATA WILL ALSO ALLOW FOR THE  
13   ESTABLISHMENT OF BASELINES, WHICH WILL AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT  
14   OF MEASUREMENTS, FOR PERFORMANCE AND SUCCESS, WHICH I THINK WE  
15   ALL AGREE, MR. CHAIR, IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO HOLD OURSELVES  
16   AND ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES ACCOUNTABLE TO THE CHILDREN UNDER OUR  
17   CARE. THIS DATA AND INFORMATION SHOULD BE SHARED, WHEN  
18   APPROPRIATE, AND WITH RESPECT FOR CONFIDENTIALITY, SENSITIVE  
19   PROTECTED INFORMATION, THE PARAMOUNT CONCERN FOR THE  
20   PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN OUR CARE.  
21   IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A REPORT FROM THE C.E.O. ON THE  
22   SUBJECT IS FORTHCOMING. AND THIS REPORT AND ITS  
23   RECOMMENDATIONS, ALONG WITH THE ANTICIPATED HIRING OF THE LEAD  
24   ATTORNEY IN THE CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT WILL BE  
25   A LARGE STEP FORWARD IN PROTECTING THOSE UNDER OUR CARE.



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1   HOWEVER, MAY I SAY THAT ADDITIONAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN WHICH  
2   WILL MAKE US BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE AND PROTECT THESE  
3   CHILDREN. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O. IN  
4   CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
5   AND THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS  
6   ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: 1) TRAINING AND EDUCATION  
7   REQUIREMENTS FOR D.C.F.S. CASEWORKERS AND ALL OTHER D.C.F.S.  
8   EMPLOYEES WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH AT-RISK CHILDREN, THEIR  
9   FAMILIES OR CARETAKERS, TO INCLUDE A REVIEW OF IN-SERVICE AND  
10   CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS AN ANALYSIS OF  
11   WHETHER THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE ADEQUATE, WHETHER THEY ADDRESS  
12   THE ISSUES THAT RECUR IN CHILD DEATH CASES, AND A COMPARISON  
13   OF D.C.F.S.'S STANDARDS WITH BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER  
14   JURISDICTIONS. THE SECOND POINT WOULD BE TO REVIEW THE  
15   AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN FAMILIES IN  
16   WHICH A CHILD HAS BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED, SUCH AS DRUG AND  
17   ALCOHOL TREATMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION, ANGER  
18   MANAGEMENT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PARENTING CLASSES,  
19   ETCETERA, TO INCLUDE A REVIEW OF LINGUISTIC AVAILABILITY AND  
20   CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS OF THESE SERVICES AS WELL AS THE  
21   MECHANISM FOR THESE REFERRALS IN TERMS OF HOW THEY ARE MADE  
22   AND THE METHODS BY WHICH THE D.C.F.S. ASSESSES WHETHER THE  
23   SERVICES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND THE RISK OF FUTURE CHILD  
24   ABUSE OR NEGLECT HAS BEEN REDUCED. IT GOES ON TO TALK ABOUT  
25   THE DEMOGRAPHIC ISSUES THAT ARE RELEVANT AND ARE COMPELLING.



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1 AND, FINALLY, TO DEAL WITH QUALITY ASSURANCE IMPROVEMENT  
2 SECTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF  
3 IMPROVEMENT THAT CAN BE WROUGHT THERE. MR. CHAIRMAN, FINALLY,  
4 THE REPORT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENHANCING  
5 AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES FOR AT  
6 RISK CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AND THE STANDARDS OF TRAINING FOR  
7 D.C.F.S. CASEWORKERS, AS WELL AS ANY FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS  
8 ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH ENHANCEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS. I THINK  
9 IT'S WELL BEYOND THE POINT OF FINGER POINTING AND THE LIKE,  
10 BLAMING ANY SINGLE SET OF PERSONS OR ISSUES. BUT IT'S IN THE  
11 SPIRIT OF THE DESIRE OF THE BOARD AS A WHOLE TO MOVE TOWARD  
12 PROBLEM SOLVING, RESOLUTION AND THE REDUCTION OF THESE  
13 INSTANCES TO ESSENTIALLY CONSTRUCT A ZERO TOLERANCE POSTURE  
14 AND HOPE THAT ALL OF US CAN MOVE TOGETHER WITH THAT. I READ  
15 THAT IN WITH CONSIDERATION FOR IT TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE TIME  
16 DEEMED APPROPRIATE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THIS A PARTICULAR TIME? THE  
19 CHAIR WILL SECOND THIS. ARE YOU ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK ON  
20 THIS?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT. 30 DAYS.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN 30 DAYS?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** A LOT OF INFORMATION TO GET BACK IN 30  
4    DAYS.

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6    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M SORRY?

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8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** A LOT OF INFORMATION TO GET BACK IN 30  
9    DAYS.

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11    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I TAKE THAT POINT SERIOUSLY, MR. CHAIR.  
12    WE'RE DRIVING TOWARD A PRIORITY, SO AS TO NOT BE PUT INTO A  
13    POSITION OF BEING UNDULY DEFENSIVE ABOUT THE PACE AT WHICH WE  
14    ARE MOVING. IF 30 DAYS IS TOO AGGRESSIVE, MAY I STIPULATE,  
15    THEN, THAT A PRELIMINARY REPORT BE BROUGHT BACK TO OUR  
16    ATTENTION IN 30 DAYS AND THE BALANCE OF THE WORK NEEDING TO BE  
17    DONE BE STIPULATED AT THE TIME. MR. CHAIRMAN? IS MISS PLOEHN  
18    COMING?

19

20    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO GET  
21    HER OUT OF THE BACK THERE.

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23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. OKAY. I THINK ALL OF THE QUESTIONS AND  
24    ISSUES THAT ARE RAISED IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION  
25    ARE APPROPRIATE. SOME OF THEM ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE.





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I COULDN'T HEAR YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SAID THE ISSUES YOU RAISE IN YOUR MOTION  
5 ARE APPROPRIATE. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T  
6 REINVENT THE WHEEL FOR YOU BECAUSE SINCE I RECEIVED AN EMAIL  
7 FROM YOU AT 3:49 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR  
8 SLEEP. AND I'M NOT JOKING. NOW WHAT I WAS DOING UP AT 3:51  
9 A.M. IS ANOTHER STORY. [LAUGHTER.]

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT MY SLEEP. BUT YOU  
14 ARE UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR  
15 FOCUS IS ON THE URGENT MATTERS AT HAND. NOT AT THE EXCLUSION  
16 OF THIS MOTION BUT THAT I BELIEVE THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION  
17 THAT MAY ALREADY BE AVAILABLE THAT YOU CAN PULL TOGETHER,  
18 AMALGAMATE, PLUS THE NEW STUFF THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE AT YOUR  
19 DISPOSAL, YOU'LL HAVE TO DEVELOP PURSUANT TO THIS MOTION. IT  
20 MAY BE THAT IT'S DOABLE AND ON THAT BASIS IN 30 DAYS. IF NOT,  
21 AS MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS JUST EXPLAINED IT, YOU HAVE MORE  
22 TIME. BUT I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO START A WHOLE NEW PHD  
23 THESIS HERE FROM SCRATCH IF YOU DON'T NEED TO. THAT'S ALL. AND  
24 I DON'T THINK ANYBODY HERE DOES. I DO WANT TO RAISE A



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1 QUESTION, WHICH SINCE YOU'RE HERE, IS THIS THE ONLY ITEM WE'RE  
2 GOING TO BE HAVING ON D.C.F.S. TODAY?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE STILL HAVE ITEM 24.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS WHAT?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE KATIE A. STUFF.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE. NO, THANK YOU, I  
11 APPRECIATE IT. I WAS TROUBLED BY -- I GUESS, TWO THINGS. ONE,  
12 I ASKED LAST WEEK, EXCUSE ME ONE SECOND. (COUGHING). I ASKED  
13 LAST WEEK, YOU INDICATED THAT WE HAD A POLICY THAT WHEN A  
14 SOCIAL WORKER OR AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKER GETS TO -- DOES  
15 SOMETHING THAT IS VIOLATIVE OF POLICY, THAT THEY ARE TAKEN OFF  
16 THE CASE AND PUT ON DESK DUTY, I THINK IS WHAT YOU CALLED IT.

17

18 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASKED YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE HAD BEEN PUT ON  
21 DESK DUTY, AND YOU WERE CAREFUL TO INDICATE YOU WERE CHECKING  
22 ON THAT AT THE TIME. AND OF THE 14 CASES, AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE  
23 THAT INFORMATION AT THE TIME, LAST TUESDAY, BUT YOU HAVE SINCE  
24 DETERMINED IT. OF THE 14 DEATH CASES THAT WE HAD OF CHILDREN,  
25 13? ONLY ONE PERSON WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THAT CASE, IN A CASE



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1 OF ONE OF THOSE 14 CHILD DEATHS HAD BEEN PUT ON DESK DUTY. ALL  
2 THE OTHERS HAD NOT BEEN PULLED UNTIL AFTER THE BOARD MEETING  
3 ON LAST TUESDAY. WHICH BEGS THE QUESTION, THEN: WHAT IS THE  
4 POLICY? IS IT BEING ADHERED TO? MY STAFF MET WITH A DELEGATION  
5 OF SOCIAL WORKERS YESTERDAY. I APPRECIATED -- I WISH I COULD  
6 HAVE BEEN THERE. I COULDN'T. BUT I GOT A FULL REPORT ON IT.  
7 THEY HAVE INDICATED, THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO CAME IN, THAT  
8 THEIR PERCEPTION -- AND I EMPHASIZE PERCEPTION -- IS THAT THE  
9 POLICY -- THAT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE POLICY IS, THAT IT'S  
10 UNEVENLY -- SOME GUY GOT PULLED OFF, PUT ON DESK DUTY LAST  
11 WEEK, THEY SAID, ON A CASE THAT IS FOUR OR FIVE YEARS OLD.  
12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO. PLEASE NO APPLAUSE. THAT'S WHY I'VE  
15 ASKED YOU NOW FOR THE STATISTICS ON 2007, 2006. BECAUSE MY  
16 POINT LAST WEEK WHEN I MADE THE COMMENT THAT THE ONLY  
17 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 2008 ON THE ONE HAND AND 2006 AND '07 ON  
18 THE OTHER HAND IS THAT 2008 WAS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE  
19 PAPER. I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE RIGHT ABOUT THAT. BECAUSE IT  
20 WAS BECAUSE OF THAT AND THE FACT THAT NOT EVEN UNTIL AFTER THE  
21 BOARD MET ON TUESDAY THAT ACTION STARTED TO BE TAKEN TO  
22 IMPLEMENT THE POLICY. AND I'M CONCERNED THAT IN 2007 AND 2006  
23 AND 2005, HOWEVER LONG THIS POLICY HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS, THAT  
24 YOU TAKE PEOPLE OFF THEIR CASELOAD WHEN THERE'S AN  
25 INVESTIGATION AND PUT THEM ON DESK DUTY, I WONDER HOW MANY



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1 WERE PULLED OFF IN THE PRIOR YEARS? MY BET IS IF 2008 IS ANY  
2 INDICATOR, MY BET IS THAT THERE'S PROBABLY A SIMILAR  
3 DISCREPANCY BETWEEN POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY. I  
4 HOPE I'M WRONG. I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO GET ON TOP OF THAT.  
5 BUT IT DOES NOT INSPIRE -- IT INSPIRES CONFUSION IS WHAT IT  
6 DOES. BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE POLICY IS. I'M NOT SURE  
7 I KNOW WHAT -- I KNOW WHAT THE POLICY IS. I DON'T KNOW HOW  
8 IT'S IMPLEMENTED. AND IF WE ARE NOT DOING WHAT THE -- THE  
9 REASON FOR THE POLICY IS TO TRY TO CREATE SOME LEVEL OF  
10 PROTECTION FOR KIDS GOING FORWARD, PROTECTION FROM THOSE  
11 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION. THEY MAY NOT BE  
12 GUILTY OF ANY WRONGDOING, PROFESSIONAL WRONGDOING, BUT IN THE  
13 MEANTIME THEY'RE SET ASIDE. THAT'S ONE THING. AND THE SECOND  
14 THING IS TO CREATE WITHIN THE SYSTEM AN EXPECTATION OF  
15 ACCOUNTABILITY, THAT WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG, WE GET TO THE  
16 BOTTOM OF IT. AND IF THERE'S SOMEBODY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT, THAT  
17 PERSON PAYS A PRICE. NOT BECAUSE WE'RE PUNITIVE BUT BECAUSE  
18 WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT THE KIDS. THAT'S THE WHOLE THING. SO I  
19 AM CONCERNED THAT THERE'S A BREAKDOWN HERE. AND I'M JUST  
20 TALKING ABOUT THIS ONE AREA. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS OF INQUIRY  
21 THAT I'VE MADE TO YOU AND I ARTICULATED THEM LAST WEEK, I  
22 WON'T REPEAT, THAT CONCERNS ME AS TO WHAT KIND OF A MESSAGE  
23 WE'RE SENDING THROUGH OUR ORGANIZATION. AND BEFORE WE START  
24 GETTING, GOING HAYWIRE ON COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND CHANGING THIS  
25 AND THAT AND GETTING LEGISLATION, ALL OF WHICH MAY BE



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1    IMPORTANT, THE MOST OBVIOUS THING MAY BE THAT WE HAVE A POLICY  
2    THAT ISN'T BEING IMPLEMENTED. AND THAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN  
3    13 OF THE 14 DEATH CASES, THE POLICY WAS NOT IMPLEMENTED IN  
4    THE AFTERMATH OF THOSE CASES. AND THEN WHEN IT IS IMPLEMENTED,  
5    BECAUSE IT WAS IN THE PAPER AND BECAUSE THE BOARD CAME  
6    UNGLUED, THEN THEY HAVE, THE SOCIAL WORKER, HAS A LEGITIMATE  
7    GRIPE FROM THEIR PERCEPTION BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL  
8    HAS GONE ON, AND THEY SAY "WAIT A MINUTE, THIS WAS FIVE YEARS  
9    AGO. WHY ARE YOU NAILING ME NOW?" AND I HAVE TO ASK THE SAME  
10   QUESTION. SO CONSISTENCY IS IMPORTANT IN THIS DOMAIN. AND I  
11   REALLY WANT TO GET THAT ACROSS. AND I DO WANT TO GO BACK AND  
12   SEE -- MY BET IS WE HAVE NOT ADHERED, PROBABLY BEFORE YOUR  
13   TIME, TO THIS POLICY. I THINK THIS POLICY GOES BACK TO '03 OR  
14   '02.

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16   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** 1998.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 1998. MY BET IS WE HAVEN'T IMPLEMENTED THIS  
19   POLICY IN A CONSISTENT MANNER PROBABLY FROM THE TIME IT WAS  
20   IMPLEMENTED. AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, AND IT HAS NOW COME TO  
21   YOUR ATTENTION, HAS IT DID LAST WEEK, SOMETHING'S GOT --

22

23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN ALL FAIRNESS, SHE'S DONE --

24

25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SHE RESPONDED TO WHAT WE ASKED FOR LAST  
3 WEEK AND CLARIFIED WHAT THE PROCEDURES AND THE TRAINING IS  
4 GOING TO BE IN THE FUTURE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. BUT SHE ALSO SAID LAST WEEK THAT THE  
7 POLICY WAS THAT WHEN SOMEBODY WAS INVOLVED IN A CASE LIKE THE  
8 ONES WE'VE BEEN THROUGH --

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SHE CLARIFIED THAT SHE MADE A MISTAKE IN  
11 HER REPORT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. WHAT I JUST WANT TO  
14 REITERATE IS THAT WHERE ARE WE GOING FROM HERE? TO POSE THE  
15 QUESTION: WHERE ARE WE GOING FROM HERE?

16

17 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** MR. CHAIR, YOU'RE COMPLETELY RIGHT. THE 1998  
18 POLICY BASICALLY WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT, IT WAS SO BROAD THAT IT  
19 COULD BE INTERPRETED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. AND I THINK IT HAS  
20 BEEN INTERPRETED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN  
21 1998. WE HAVE CHANGED THE PROCESS BY WHICH WE REVIEW EMPLOYEES  
22 WHEN A CHILD DEATH OCCURS AND WE ELIMINATED ONE OF THOSE STEPS  
23 ABOUT A YEAR AGO. THAT STEP CONTAINED THE PROCESS BY WHICH WE  
24 WERE MAKING A DETERMINATION WHETHER OR NOT A WORKER WAS PULLED  
25 OFF OF THEIR FILE OR NOT. AND SO PEOPLE STARTED INTERPRETING



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1 THE POLICY THAT AT ANY POINT IN TIME DURING THE I.A. PROCESS,  
2 AN INDIVIDUAL COULD BE PULLED OFF.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I.A. MEANING?

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6 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** I'M SORRY. INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AND SO MOST OF  
7 THE INTERPRETATIONS, EXCEPT FOR THE ONE CASE WHERE THERE WERE  
8 TWO WORKERS PULLED OFF, HAD DECIDED THEY WANTED TO WAIT FOR  
9 THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION TO BE COMPLETE. WHEN I  
10 DETERMINED THAT THAT'S WHAT HAD OCCURRED, LAST TUESDAY ALL OF  
11 THE REST OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE RELATED TO 10 OF THOSE  
12 CASES WERE TAKEN OFF OF THEIR DESK -- OR TAKEN OFF OF THEIR  
13 FILES AND PUT ON A DESK, AS WELL AS THEIR SUPERVISORS. WHAT  
14 WE'RE DOING AS FAR AS WHERE WE'RE GOING FROM HERE FORWARD IS  
15 WE ARE REVITALIZING THAT ENTIRE POLICY. WE HAVE REINSTITUTED,  
16 AS OF LAST FRIDAY, A NEW PROCESS. IT'S CALLED AN  
17 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW WHERE DURING THAT PROCESS -- AND IT WILL  
18 OCCUR WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS AFTER WE ARE INFORMED THAT A  
19 DEATH HAS OCCURRED AND THAT IT IS CONNECTED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL  
20 WITH OUR DEPARTMENT -- THEN WE WILL DO A PROCESS OF REVIEWING  
21 AND DETERMINING AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHETHER ANYONE INDEED  
22 NEEDS TO BE TAKEN OFF OF THEIR FILE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW LONG DOES THAT REVIEW TAKE TO BE  
25 COMPLETED? THAT REVIEW?





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2 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** PROBABLY A COUPLE OF HOURS. IT WILL BE A  
3 REVIEW OF WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THAT CASE ARE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S AN IMMEDIATE THING.

6

7 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** YES. AND IT WILL OCCUR WITHIN THE FIRST TWO  
8 WEEKS AFTER WE ARE NOTIFIED. WE HAVE TO SOMETIMES PULL PEOPLE  
9 TOGETHER, ASK QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO GATHER INFORMATION.  
10 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO PULL A STAFF PERSON OFF OF THEIR FILE  
11 UNLESS THERE IS A CONCERN THAT LEAVING THEM ON THAT FILE COULD  
12 INDEED ENDANGER A CHILD POSSIBLY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE POLICY.

15

16 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** YES. AND THEN THE OTHER COMPONENT THAT WE  
17 HAVE IMPLEMENTED, IF IT IS A MINOR INFRACTION, WHAT I'M ASKING  
18 THE OFFICE HEADS TO DO IS TO DO A RANDOM SAMPLE STUDY OF THAT  
19 INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT CASELOAD. SO IF THEIR CURRENT CASELOAD  
20 APPEARS NOT TO HAVE THESE ISSUES AND IT'S A MINOR INFRACTION,  
21 THEN I WON'T BE PULLING THEM OFF OF THEIR CASELOAD PENDING THE  
22 I.A. PROCESS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE REDUCING THIS NEW POLICY, OR THIS  
2   POLICY, AMENDED POLICY, IN WRITING? YOU'RE REDUCING IT TO  
3   WRITING?

4

5   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** CORRECT.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU'RE GOING TO LET YOUR SUBORDINATES  
8   KNOW, EVERYBODY IS GOING TO KNOW WHAT THE POLICY IS. WHO IS  
9   GOING TO BE IN CHARGE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY IN YOUR  
10  SHOP, IN YOUR DEPARTMENT?

11

12  **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** IT'S UNDER OUR CHIEF DEPUTY BECAUSE HE  
13  OVERSEES ALL THE DIRECT SERVICE DEPUTY DIRECTORS. BUT IT WILL  
14  BE FUNNELED DOWN. I HAD A MANAGER'S MEETING LAST THURSDAY, A  
15  CONFERENCE CALL WITH ABOUT 50 OF OUR TOP MANAGERS, SO THAT  
16  EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT'S THE DIRECTION WE'RE GOING. AND THEN  
17  YESTERDAY WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTORS TO PASS ON THE INFORMATION  
18  ABOUT THE RANDOM SAMPLE STUDIES OF THEIR CASE FILES.

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20  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THIS IS GOING TO GET TRANSMITTED ALL THE  
21  WAY DOWN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND SO THAT WHEN A SOCIAL WORKER  
22  COMES TO MY OFFICE AND MEETS WITH ME OR MY STAFF, I MEAN THE  
23  GOAL WOULD BE FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT POLICY JUST AS WELL  
24  AS YOU'VE JUST ARTICULATED IT HERE.

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1   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** EXACTLY. AND WE WILL, AS WITH ALL OUR  
2   POLICIES, WE'LL PUT IT ON OUR WEBSITE SO THAT EVERYBODY WILL  
3   HAVE ACCESS TO IT.

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5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU'RE  
6   DOING TO GET ALL THIS STUFF TOGETHER. I DO THINK YOU SHOULD  
7   MAKE SURE YOU GET SOME SLEEP ON SATURDAY NIGHTS. AND I  
8   APPRECIATE YOUR CANDOR IN THE LAST WEEK IN COMING FORWARD WITH  
9   THIS STUFF. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING  
10   ON. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW WE CARE AND THAT WE CAN  
11   REINFORCE EACH OTHER ON DOING THE RIGHT THING. I KNOW YOU'RE  
12   UNDER TREMENDOUS -- THIS IS VERY GUT WRENCHING AND HEART  
13   WRENCHING FOR ALL OF US. BUT I THINK THE END RESULT,  
14   HOPEFULLY, WILL BE BETTER OUTCOMES ACROSS THE BOARD. THANK  
15   YOU, MR. CHAIR.

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17   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AGAIN, I RETURN  
22   TO THE THRUST OF THE MOTION, WHICH IS TO OBVIOUSLY DEAL WITH  
23   THE IMMEDIACY OF THE CONCERNS THAT CURRENTLY CONFRONT US. BUT  
24   TO RAISE THE URGENCY OF THAT IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE ARE LOOKING  
25   AT THIS BEYOND THE IMMEDIACY. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT FIRST



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1 THINGS FIRST BUT I AM PERSUADED THAT THE THRUST OF THIS MOTION  
2 WILL HELP US PROSPECTIVELY. AND I TRUST THAT IT IS SEEN AS  
3 SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE INTEREST OF A  
4 HIGHER LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY, AS WELL AS A MORE RATIONAL WAY  
5 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE WORKING PREVENTIVELY. THIS IS  
6 FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT AS IT RELATES TO SYSTEMIC CHANGE. WE  
7 NEED BASELINE DATA THAT WE CURRENTLY DO NOT COMMAND. AND TO  
8 THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I THINK THERE'S SIGNIFICANT  
9 VALUE ADDED FOR THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF, THE EMPLOYEES OF THE  
10 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THOSE OF US WHO ARE POLICYMAKERS IN  
11 TERMS OF TRYING TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR RESPECTIVE  
12 CONSTITUENCIES. AND MOST FUNDAMENTALLY, CARING FOR THOSE  
13 CHILDREN AND THE FAMILIES OF WHOM THEY ARE A PART. MR. CHAIR,  
14 THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC  
15 COMMENT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT'S APPROPRIATE, WITH YOUR  
16 CONSENT, TO HEAR THEM NOW AND DISPOSE OF THE MATTER  
17 ACCORDINGLY.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL ON A READ-IN MOTION.  
20 ALL RIGHT. DAVID GREEN, TAUNYA TAYLOR, AND TONY BRAVO.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIR, I TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT  
23 YOU MAKE THE OBSERVATION THAT THIS IS AN EXCEPTION. AND WOULD  
24 THEN APPEAL TO THOSE WHO ARE SPEAKING TO BE COGNIZANT OF THAT.  
25 MY MY MY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BREAKING NEWS.

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4 **DAVID GREEN:** I'LL LEAVE THAT ALONE. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN,  
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS DAVID GREEN. I'M A CHILDREN'S  
6 SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS MEMBER  
7 OF THE S.E.I.U. LOCAL EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MEMBER OF THE  
8 STATEWIDE CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL. I FIRST WANT TO THANK  
9 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR  
10 THEIR MOTION. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH AND WE APPRECIATE THE  
11 AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT THAT'S GONE INTO LOOKING AT THIS  
12 VITAL ISSUE. LAST WEEK, WHEN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE  
13 CAME OUT, WHEN I READ IT FIRST THING ON MONDAY MORNING, I WAS  
14 PERSONALLY, I WAS HURT, I WAS SADDENED AND I WAS FRUSTRATED.  
15 AS SOCIAL WORKERS, ONE CHILD DEATH IS TOO MANY. WE ARE IN THE  
16 BUSINESS OF PROVIDING QUALITY SOCIAL WORK, ACCOUNTABLE SOCIAL  
17 WORK, AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE  
18 KEEPING OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SAFE. PART OF THE  
19 ACCOUNTABILITY, SEVERAL YEARS AGO THERE WAS A BRAND NEW SOCIAL  
20 WORKER THAT APPROACHED ME BECAUSE HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH  
21 HIS HOME VISITS, HIS FACE-TO-FACE CONTACTS WITH OUR FAMILIES.  
22 I SAT HIM DOWN AND HAD TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT WE'RE NOT IN THE  
23 BUSINESS OF BUILDING WIDGETS. IF HE MISSES A HOME VISIT, A  
24 CONTACT, A CHILD COULD DIE OR BE NEGLECTED OR FACE ABUSE. THIS  
25 JOB IS NOT FOR EVERYONE. WE DO NOT WANT TO FORGET THESE



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1 TRAGEDIES, BUT WE WANT TO LOOK CLOSELY AT THE SYSTEM THAT  
2 CAUSED THEM OR CONTRIBUTED TO THEM. WE ALSO WANT TO FIND WAYS  
3 TO WORK TOGETHER. AS A SOCIAL WORKER, I OFTEN FIND MYSELF IN A  
4 SYSTEM THAT IS STATISTIC-DRIVEN, RATHER THAN CHILDREN-DRIVEN.  
5 AND THAT'S UPSETTING TO ME AND FRUSTRATING. WE CAN'T LOSE  
6 SIGHT OF WHY WE'RE HERE. AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
7 SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY TO BE PART OF THIS MEETING.  
8 [APPLAUSE.] THEY'RE SOME OF THE MOST HARD WORKING PEOPLE I  
9 KNOW, AND I'M VERY, VERY PROUD TO BE A COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
10 SOCIAL WORKER. YESTERDAY, WE HAD VERY PRODUCTIVE, HELPFUL  
11 VISITS WITH THE DEPUTIES FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD. I WANT TO  
12 COMMEND THEM, AS WELL, FOR THEIR EXPERTISE ON THIS MATTER, FOR  
13 THEIR LISTENING. AND MY HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER  
14 TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE CONTINUING TO  
15 STAY SAFE. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, TAUNYA?

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19 **TAUNYA TAYLOR:** YES. MY NAME IS TAUNYA TAYLOR, I'M A  
20 SUPERVISING CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER. AND I TOO WANT TO JUST  
21 TAKE A MOMENT AND THANK THE BOARD FOR LISTENING TO US  
22 YESTERDAY. WE FELT WELL-RECEIVED, WE FELT HEARD AND WE ARE  
23 GLAD WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND DO BETTER WITH OUR  
24 SERVICES. I'VE BEEN A DEDICATED SOCIAL WORKER FOR NEARLY 10  
25 YEARS. I STARTED BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION



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1 OF KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES. I'VE  
2 STAYED BECAUSE DESPITE HOW EMOTIONAL THIS WORK IS, WHEN I HELP  
3 A FAMILY, OR I KNOW THAT I'VE HELPED IMPROVE A CHILD'S LIFE, I  
4 KNOW IT'S WORTH IT. AS A SUPERVISING CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER,  
5 I SUPERVISE SIX D.S.W.S. THEY HAVE AN AVERAGE CASELOAD, CASE  
6 CHILD COUNT OF 25 CHILDREN PER MONTH AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THIS  
7 MEANS THAT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOUT 150 CHILDREN IN ANY GIVEN  
8 MONTH. THESE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE ASSESSING SAFETY,  
9 ASSESSING RISK, COLLABORATING WITH OTHER AGENCIES, TEAMING  
10 TOGETHER WITH THESE FAMILIES AND THESE AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE  
11 BEST OUTCOME FOR THESE CHILDREN, WHETHER IT'S TO REMAIN IN THE  
12 HOME SAFELY OR WE HAVE TO INTERVENE WITH OTHER MEASURES. I  
13 TAKE THIS WORK SERIOUSLY, AND I ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT MY  
14 WORKERS TO DO THE SAME. I HAVE SEEN A LOT IN MY 10 YEARS, AND  
15 WHEN A CHILD DIES, IT'S A SPECIAL SADNESS AND CHALLENGE. LAST  
16 WEEK I WAS PLACED ON DESK DUTY BECAUSE A CHILD WHOSE SOCIAL  
17 WORKER I SUPERVISED DIED A TRAGIC DEATH. WE CONDUCTED THE  
18 INVESTIGATION AS REQUIRED AND MOVED FORWARD. THAT CHILD'S  
19 TRAGIC DEATH WAS ONE OF THE DEATHS THE LOS ANGELES TIMES WROTE  
20 ABOUT LAST WEEK. AS A RESULT, EVERYONE WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO  
21 WITH THAT INVESTIGATION WERE TOLD TO HAVE NO CLIENT CONTACT  
22 AND MAKE NO CHILD WELFARE DECISIONS. THIS UNPRECEDENTED  
23 DECISION HAS ADDED TO THE CHALLENGE OF ENSURING THAT CHILDREN  
24 ARE SAFE. THINK ABOUT THE IMPACT THIS IS HAVING ON THE  
25 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS AND





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1 SUPERVISORS WHO ARE COVERING IN OUR ABSENCE. AS SOCIAL  
2 WORKERS, WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY. WE  
3 KNOW THAT IF WE MAKE A MISTAKE, A CHILD COULD DIE. FOR THAT  
4 REASON, I WILL NEVER DEFEND POOR SOCIAL WORK, BUT WHEN A  
5 SOCIAL WORKER DOES THE BEST HE OR SHE CAN DO WITH ALL THE  
6 AVAILABLE RESOURCES, THAT IS NOTHING SHORT OF HEROIC. I'M HERE  
7 TODAY BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I BELIEVE IN MY WORK AND  
8 THE WORK OF MY COLLEAGUES. WHAT WAS REPORTED ON IS VERY GRAVE  
9 AND VERY SAD. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I DO MY BEST, MY VERY  
10 BEST TO KEEP EVERY CHILD SAFE, AND I STAND BY MY WORK AND THE  
11 WORK OF MY COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] YES, SIR.

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15 **TONY BRAVO:** MY NAME IS TONY BRAVO. I'M ALSO A SUPERVISING  
16 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER. I WORK OUT OF THE BELVEDERE OFFICE  
17 IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE. WE'RE HERE TODAY FIRST AND FOREMOST  
18 BECAUSE WE DO CARE ABOUT CHILDREN AND THE FAMILIES WE SERVE  
19 AND WE ALSO CARE ABOUT OUR PROFESSION. AS DAVID GREEN POINTED  
20 OUT, ONE CHILD DEATH IS ONE TOO MANY. ONE CHILD WITHOUT A SAFE  
21 AND LOVING HOME IS ONE CHILD TOO MANY. AS YOU KNOW, LOS  
22 ANGELES COUNTY HAS UNIQUE AND SPECIAL ISSUES. AS I SAID, I AM  
23 A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER. JUST LAST WEEK, I HAD ONE OF MY  
24 WORKERS CALL ME FROM A HOME CALL. HE WAS MAKING A ROUTINE HOME  
25 CALL. AND HE OBSERVED A 1-1/2 YEAR OLD CHILD WHO WAS NONVERBAL



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1 TO HAVE AN INJURY ON HIS FOREHEAD. WHEN HE ASKED THE FOSTER  
2 MOM WHAT HAPPENED, SHE SAID "WELL, HE FELL." AND HE SAID,  
3 "WELL, DID YOU TAKE HIM TO THE DOCTOR?" AND SHE SAID "NO." SO  
4 HE CALLED ME. AND BASED ON MY TRAINING AND MY EXPERIENCE, I  
5 KNOW THAT WHENEVER THERE IS A CHILD WITH ANY INJURY, THAT  
6 CHILD NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, WHICH IS  
7 WHAT WE DID. THAT CHILD WAS TAKEN TO A DOCTOR AND EXAMINED.  
8 THE DOCTOR DETERMINED THAT THAT INJURY MAY BE A BURN. SO WE  
9 IMMEDIATELY REMOVED THAT CHILD FROM THAT ENVIRONMENT AND  
10 NOTIFIED THE CHILD PROTECTION HOT LINE BECAUSE THERE WERE  
11 OTHER CHILDREN IN THAT HOME THAT ALSO MAY HAVE BEEN AT RISK.  
12 SUBSEQUENTLY, TWO DAYS LATER THAT CHILD WAS RE-EXAMINED BY  
13 ANOTHER DOCTOR, HIS PEDIATRICIAN. THAT DOCTOR SAID THAT THE  
14 INJURY WAS NOT A BURN BUT A SCRAPE WHICH WAS CONSISTENT WITH  
15 THE FOSTER MOM'S STORY. NOW, THE DILEMMA HERE IS: WHAT DO WE  
16 DO WITH THIS CHILD? DO WE RETURN HIM BACK TO THIS FOSTER MOM?  
17 OR DO WE NOT? AND THOSE ARE THE KIND OF DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE  
18 ON A DAILY BASIS. IN THIS CASE WE DID NOT BECAUSE WE DID NOT  
19 HAVE CLEAR AND CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE BECAUSE TWO DOCTORS,  
20 TRAINED DOCTORS, GAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS. SO THESE ARE THE  
21 TYPES OF DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE, AS I SAID. NOW, PARDON?  
22  
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MALNUTRITION OF A CHILD, STARVING.  
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1   **TONY BRAVO:** THE SAME THING. IF WE GET A CHILD AND WE OBSERVE  
2   THAT THAT CHILD APPEARS TO BE FRAIL, WE MOVE THAT CHILD. WE DO  
3   NOT LEAVE THAT CHILD IN HARM'S WAY. AND THAT'S POLICY. AND  
4   THAT'S THE POLICIES WE LIVE BY ON A DAILY BASIS. BECAUSE WE DO  
5   THE BEST WE CAN. WE KNOW OUR JOBS. WE'RE PROFESSIONALS AT  
6   THIS. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 28 YEARS. SO I THINK I KNOW  
7   SOMETHING ABOUT CHILD WELFARE. YOU KNOW, AND I WANT TO SAY  
8   THANK YOU TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS, TO YOUR DEPUTIES WHO HEARD  
9   US YESTERDAY. BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE BE HEARD.  
10   WE ARE THE EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD. WE DO THIS WORK. WE ARE  
11   CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU'VE PUT ON US TO KEEP  
12   CHILDREN SAFE. YOU KNOW, AND LAST WEEK, I WANT TO THANK YOU  
13   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO MADE SOME GOOD COMMENTS AND  
14   ASSESSMENTS ABOUT THE WORK WE DO AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE  
15   DIFFICULTIES WE FACE. FOR EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU  
16   TALKED ABOUT LOOKING CLOSELY AT OUR EXISTING RESOURCES AND RE-  
17   EXAMINING OUR WORK IN ORDER TO BRING CASELOADS DOWN FOR SOCIAL  
18   WORKERS. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS AND HAVE SOLID SUGGESTIONS ON  
19   HOW THIS MAY WORK. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
20   SPONSOR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW DEPARTMENTS TO SHARE  
21   INFORMATION MORE EASILY. WE'RE IN SUPPORT OF THIS, TOO,  
22   BECAUSE WE SEE THE VALUE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. WE WOULD LIKE  
23   TO BRING THIS DEPARTMENT UP TO THE 21ST CENTURY.  
24   UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO HAVE COMPUTERS, BUT THESE THINGS ARE LIKE  
25   10 YEARS OLD. WE NEED SOMETHING MORE EXPEDIENT THAN THAT. AND



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1 ANY DATABASE THAT WE DO ACQUIRE, WE WANT IT TO BE STATE-OF-  
2 THE-ART, NOT SOMETHING WHERE A SOCIAL WORKER HAS TO TAKE TWO  
3 OR THREE HOURS TO ACCESS INFORMATION. SO THAT'S THE KIND OF  
4 TECHNOLOGY WE WOULD LIKE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

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8 **TONY BRAVO:** YES. AND JUST WRAPPING IT UP, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO  
9 SAY THANK YOU AGAIN FOR LISTENING TO US TODAY. AND JUST SAYING  
10 THAT WE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED AND MOTIVATED IN PARTNERING  
11 WITH YOU TO GIVE OUR INPUT INTO MAKING ANY REFORMS NECESSARY  
12 TO MOVE FORWARD AND PROTECT CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY. THANK  
13 YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE DO APPRECIATE --  
16 [APPLAUSE.] HOLD UP. I APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN. I DON'T  
17 THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION OF ANY OF US UP HERE THAT THOSE  
18 SITUATIONS, THOSE DEATHS WERE VERY, VERY TRAGIC. BUT I THINK  
19 AT LEAST SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, OBVIOUSLY TO HAVE THE MEDIA  
20 PERPETRATE A STORY THAT ALL OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS ARE INEPT I  
21 THINK IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. WE DO APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU  
22 DO, THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS THEY DO HAVE TO MAKE. AND THERE  
23 ARE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY ISSUES, BUT I THINK WE'RE WILLING TO  
24 WORK WITH THAT TOGETHER. SO FOR MYSELF, JUST THANK YOU FOR ALL  
25 THE GOOD WORK YOU DO ON BEHALF OF OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.



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2 **TONY BRAVO:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND  
5 SECONDED. AND SO ORDERED. REPORT BACK. OKAY. IT IS 1 MINUTE TO  
6 1:00. I'M GOING TO ASK DR. JONATHAN FIELDING TO JOIN US OUT  
7 HERE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING  
8 MOTIONS YOU CAN DO WHILE WE'RE WAITING?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BE GLAD TO.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH, WAIT A MINUTE. WE'RE OKAY. WE'VE GOT  
13 DR. FIELDING HERE.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ARE YOU READY?

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL GO AHEAD WITH THIS. WE'LL DO IT  
18 LATER. DR. FIELDING, I KNOW THERE'S SEVERAL ACTIONS, THAT WE,  
19 AS A BOARD, NEED TO TAKE TODAY. ONE, TO FACILITATE YOUR  
20 ABILITY TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY BOTH WITH THE FEDERAL AND THE  
21 STATE AGENCIES, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO DO THAT. THERE ARE SOME  
22 OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE ON. I WILL  
23 BRING THAT MOTION IN. ONE IS THAT WE REQUEST THAT WE AUTHORIZE  
24 THE C.E.O. AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO MANAGE LOCAL,  
25 STATE AND FEDERAL SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COSTS UP



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1 TO \$500,000 FOR THE SWINE INFLUENZA RESPONSE ACTIVITIES. TWO,  
2 AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AND TO MAKE CLEAR THE COUNTY'S  
3 RESPONSE, ADOPT A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION, AND APPOINT THE  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER AS THE LEAD OFFICIAL IN THE COUNTY'S  
5 SWINE INFLUENZA RESPONSE, AND INSTRUCT OUR DEPARTMENTS TO  
6 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED AND REQUIRE WEEKLY REPORTS TO  
7 THIS BOARD. SO WITH THAT, I'LL MOVE IT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
8 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE AWAIT YOUR REPORT,  
9 THANK YOU.

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11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN KNABE,  
12 SUPERVISORS. THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE SO-CALLED SWINE FLU  
13 I THINK IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN, BUT NOT FOR ALARM. GIVEN THE  
14 SIZE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, GIVEN THE TRAFFIC BACK AND FORTH  
15 BETWEEN HERE AND MEXICO, IT WOULD BE VERY SURPRISING IF WE  
16 DIDN'T HAVE ANY CASES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT IN AN  
17 AVERAGE YEAR, WE CAN EXPECT FROM SEASONAL FLU APPROXIMATELY  
18 1,000 EXCESS DEATHS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT. SO IT WOULD ALSO NOT  
19 BE AT ALL SURPRISING IF THERE WERE DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS  
20 SWINE FLU, EVEN IF IT HAD THE PATTERN OF SEASONAL FLU. THUS  
21 FAR, THE PATTERN THAT WE SEE IN THE UNITED STATES IS VERY  
22 SIMILAR TO THAT OF SEASONAL FLU, RELATIVELY MILD TO MODERATE  
23 CASES. HOWEVER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT THIS VIRUS CAN  
24 MUTATE. IT'S ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF INFLUENZA VIRUS, THAT IT  
25 MUTATES, OFTENTIMES UNPREDICTABLY. AND IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT



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1 THE PATTERN THAT HAS BEEN SEEN IN MEXICO IS NOT CONSISTENT  
2 WITH THE PATTERN HERE, ALTHOUGH THE REPORTING FROM MEXICO HAS  
3 BEEN SUBJECT TO CHANGE. AND I THINK WE'RE NOT ENTIRELY SURE  
4 WHAT NUMBER OF CASES ACTUALLY HAVE HAD SEVERE FLU AND WHAT THE  
5 TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HAVE BEEN. BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
6 FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND FROM THE C.D.C. AND THE  
7 STATE, IT IS NOT REALISTIC TO TRY AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF  
8 INFLUENZA, WHICH IS ONE OF OUR MOST CONTAGIOUS DISEASES. YOU  
9 CAN CATCH INFLUENZA FROM SOMEBODY EVEN BEFORE THAT PERSON  
10 COMES DOWN WITH THE SYMPTOMS. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
11 DISTINGUISHES INFLUENZA. SO OUR GOAL IS TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER  
12 OF CASES AND TO THE MOST IMPORTANT WAYS THAT EVERYBODY CAN  
13 CONTRIBUTE TO THAT IS BY GOOD RESPIRATORY HYGIENE. WHICH MEANS  
14 WASHING YOUR HANDS VERY FREQUENTLY, COVERING YOUR COUGH,  
15 COVERING YOUR SNEEZE, NOT TOUCHING YOUR EYE OR YOUR NOSE OR  
16 YOUR MOUTH WITH YOUR HANDS. SOMETIMES THE VIRUS CAN GET ON  
17 SURFACES AND YOU CAN THEN TRANSMIT IT. AND, FINALLY, AND  
18 PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT IN THIS SITUATION, DON'T GO TO WORK IF  
19 YOU'RE SICK AND HAVE RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS. DON'T SEND YOUR  
20 CHILD TO SCHOOL OR OTHER PLACES WHERE THERE ARE A LOT OF  
21 CHILDREN IF IN FACT YOU HAVE THOSE SYMPTOMS. WE HAVE SUPPLIES  
22 OF TAMIFLU. WE HAVE SOME HERE. WE HAVE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL  
23 ONES. WE ARE GETTING DELIVERY I THINK TOMORROW. WE WILL HAVE A  
24 TOTAL OF 675,000 COURSES OF TAMIFLU, SHOULD THAT BE NEEDED. IT  
25 HAS BEEN PRIORITIZED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE





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1 FOR TREATMENT. AND AT THIS POINT, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A  
2 SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR TREATMENT. WE HAVEN'T EVEN IDENTIFIED  
3 SPECIFIC CASES. SO NOW LET ME GO INTO SLIGHTLY MORE DETAIL.  
4 AND AS OF THIS MORNING, THERE WERE 64 CONFIRMED CASES OF SWINE  
5 FLU IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS INCLUDES 10 CASES THAT HAVE  
6 BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA. IN SAN DIEGO, AND IMPERIAL AND  
7 SACRAMENTO. AND ALL CASES HAVE FULLY RECOVERED. THERE HAVE  
8 BEEN NO DEATHS THAT WE'RE AWARE OF FROM SWINE FLU IN THE U.S.  
9 AT THIS TIME. THERE ARE ALSO NO CONFIRMED CASES IN LOS ANGELES  
10 AT THIS TIME. I REPEAT, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN  
11 NEIGHBORING COUNTIES, WE HAVE NO CONFIRMED CASES IN LOS  
12 ANGELES AT THIS TIME. BUT OF COURSE AS I SAID, THEY ARE  
13 EXPECTED. AND ONE OF THE REASONS WE MAY NOT HAVE FOUND THEM IS  
14 SIMPLY BECAUSE IF THEY ARE MILD TO MODERATE, THEY DON'T  
15 NECESSARILY COME TO ATTENTION, AND THEY DON'T GET THE KIND OF  
16 TESTING THAT WOULD REVEAL THAT, AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE  
17 INCREASED OUR SURVEILLANCE. INTERNATIONALLY, THE WORLD HEALTH  
18 ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THAT CASES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A  
19 NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, OF COURSE MEXICO HAS HAD THE MOST. THE  
20 MOST RECENT DATA TODAY FROM MEXICO WAS THAT THERE WERE 26  
21 CONFIRMED HUMAN CASES OF INFECTION, INCLUDING 7 DEATHS. THAT'S  
22 A SMALLER NUMBER THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN PREVIOUS TIMES.  
23 THAT'S THE MOST RECENT NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE. THERE ARE ALSO  
24 MEDIA REPORTS THAT INDICATE CASES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN  
25 EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION. HOWEVER,



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1 THESE HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPORTED BY WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.  
2 LABORATORY TESTS CONFIRM THAT THE MEXICAN STRAIN IS IDENTICAL  
3 TO THE U.S. STRAIN. AND AS I SAID, IN MEXICO, IT'S NOT  
4 ENTIRELY CLEAR WHAT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS ARE. THE W.H.O.  
5 DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS RAISED THE LEVEL OF PANDEMIC INFLUENZA  
6 ALERT FROM THE PHASE 3 TO PHASE 4. AND THAT WAS BASED  
7 PRIMARILY ON THE FACT THAT THERE NOW IS REASON TO BELIEVE THE  
8 VIRUS CAN CAUSE COMMUNITY-LEVEL OUTBREAKS. IT'S A NOVEL  
9 STRAIN. IT IS TRANSMISSIBLE PERSON TO PERSON AND IT CAN CAUSE  
10 COMMUNITY-LEVEL OUTBREAKS. THERE ARE SIX PHASES IN THE W.H.O.  
11 PANDEMIC ALERT SYSTEM, WITH PHASES 1 TO 3 INDICATING A DISEASE  
12 WHICH PRIMARILY AFFECTS ANIMALS, WITH ONLY A FEW HUMAN  
13 INFECTIONS. PHASE 4 THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY IN INDICATES THERE'S  
14 SUSTAINED HUMAN TO HUMAN TRANSMISSION. IF WE WENT TO PHASE 5,  
15 THAT WOULD INDICATE WIDESPREAD HUMAN INFECTIONS AND AN  
16 IMMINENT PANDEMIC, WHILE PHASE 6 IS THE OFFICIAL PANDEMIC  
17 PHASE. WHAT IS SWINE FLU? SWINE FLU IS A RESPIRATORY DISEASE  
18 OF PIGS THAT'S CAUSED BY TYPE A INFLUENZA VIRUS THAT CAN  
19 SOMETIMES CAUSE DISEASE IN HUMANS. ALTHOUGH THE H1N1, THAT'S  
20 THE TYPING OF THIS FLU THAT WE ARE SEEING NOW, MAY HAVE  
21 ORIGINALLY BEEN CONTRACTED BY HUMANS FROM PIGS, IT NOW SEEMS  
22 THAT THIS IS A NOVEL STRAIN WHICH CAN BE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY  
23 FROM PERSON TO PERSON. AND BECAUSE IT'S NOVEL, IT IS BELIEVED  
24 THAT WE DO NOT HAVE HUMAN IMMUNITY FROM THE INFECTIONS AND THE  
25 INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE PAST. IT



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1 DOESN'T MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NECESSARILY BE MORE  
2 SEVERE. THE CONCERN IS THAT IT COULD BE. IN TERMS OF SYMPTOMS,  
3 THE SYMPTOMS OF SWINE FLU ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF OUR  
4 SEASONAL FLU: FEVER, LETHARGY, DRY COUGH, MUSCLE ACHES, STUFFY  
5 NOSE OR RUNNY NOSE, LACK OF APPETITE. AND SOMETIMES WE SEE  
6 NAUSEA AND VOMITING AND DIARRHEA. AS I MENTIONED, THE CASES TO  
7 DATE HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY MILD TO MODERATE. AND WE HAVE NOT  
8 YET SEEN THE PATTERN THAT WAS OBSERVED IN MEXICO. MEXICO HAS  
9 CONFIRMED AT THIS POINT ONLY 7 DEATHS. THEY HAD REPORTED THERE  
10 WERE UP TO 1,600 CASES OF SWINE FLU, AND THE ORIGINAL REPORT  
11 WAS UP TO 149 DEATHS. BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THOSE  
12 DEATHS WERE ACTUALLY ATTRIBUTABLE, OTHER THAN THOSE 7, TO  
13 SWINE FLU VERSUS OTHER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS OR RESPIRATORY  
14 COMPLICATIONS OF OTHER PROBLEMS. WE HAVE, AS I SAID, WE HAVE  
15 NOT YET IDENTIFIED A CASE IN LOS ANGELES. BUT WE'VE INCREASED  
16 OUR SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST WEEK, AND WE BELIEVE  
17 WE WILL FIND AND CONFIRM FLU CASES IN OUR COUNTY. WE CURRENTLY  
18 ARE INVESTIGATING TWO POSSIBLE FLU CLUSTERS IN TWO SCHOOLS  
19 LOCATED IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. AND SINCE SWINE FLU CAN  
20 ONLY BE CONFIRMED BY LAB TESTING, IT TAKES SEVERAL DAYS FOR A  
21 CASE TO BE CONFIRMED. WE HAVE AT THIS POINT TWO PROBABLE CASES  
22 AND TWO POSSIBLE CASES OF SWINE FLU. THERE ARE UNANSWERED  
23 QUESTIONS. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND THE  
24 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW VIRUS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT IS  
25 CAUSING THE APPARENT DIFFERENCE IN THE VIRULENCE BETWEEN THE



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1 MEXICAN CASES AND THE NON-MEXICAN CASES. AND WE CONTINUE TO  
2 LOOK AT THAT. IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING, THE DEPARTMENT IS  
3 ENGAGED IN ENHANCING OUR SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES, REMINDING  
4 THE PUBLIC AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND OTHER KEY SECTORS,  
5 INCLUDING THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY HYGIENE  
6 AND TO PREPARE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CASES IDENTIFIED IN  
7 THE COUNTY. AND WE ARE PREPARING TO RECEIVE ALSO FEDERAL  
8 RESOURCES. WE'VE ACTIVATED OUR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER  
9 AND HAVE ADOPTED AN INCIDENT COMMAND STRUCTURE TO PROPERLY  
10 MANAGE THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEILLANCE, COMMUNICATIONS,  
11 LABORATORY AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES. AND OVER THE PAST  
12 SEVERAL DAYS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH LONG BEACH  
13 HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE PASADENA HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY  
14 ROOMS, PHYSICIANS, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS TO CAREFULLY MONITOR  
15 ANY SIGN OF SWINE FLU IN THE COUNTY. WE'RE ALSO TAKING STEPS  
16 TO ENSURE THERE OUR SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM IS PROPERLY  
17 MONITORED AND THAT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY CAN MANAGE AN  
18 INCREASED WORKLOAD. WE'RE PREPARING FOR CASE INVESTIGATION  
19 WHEN A CASE IS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED. WE ARE TAKING ACTIONS  
20 TO RECEIVE AND MANAGE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE MATERIALS,  
21 INCLUDING THE ANTIVIRALS. THE FIRST SHIPMENT WILL ARRIVE  
22 TOMORROW. AND WE ARE REVIEWING PROTOCOLS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND  
23 USE. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT THE PRIORITY SHOULD BE  
24 ON TREATMENT. AND THAT, IS OF NECESSARY, WE'RE DOING THIS OF  
25 COURSE TO BE PREPARED, NOT NECESSARILY SURE THAT THIS WOULD BE



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1 NECESSARY. SO WE'LL HAVE A TOTAL OF 675 COURSES OF ANTIVIRAL  
2 MEDICATION, INCLUDING THE NEW DISTRIBUTION FROM THE STRATEGIC  
3 NATIONAL STOCKPILE. BUT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CALL DOWN A  
4 TOTAL OF 2.5 MILLION COURSES WITHIN A FEW DAYS' NOTICE. WE ARE  
5 NOT RECOMMENDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ANTIVIRALS AT THIS TIME.  
6 AND AS I SAID, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THEY ONLY BE USED FOR  
7 TREATMENT. ONE OF THE REASONS TO BE VERY CAREFUL IN THE USE OF  
8 THESE IS THAT IT IS GENERALLY FELT THAT IF THERE IS A  
9 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF USE, IT SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE RISK  
10 OF RESISTANCE TO THE ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS TO WHICH IT NOW  
11 APPEARS SUSCEPTIBLE BASED ON LIMITED TESTING. IN TERMS OF THE  
12 MEDIA, WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF  
13 MISINFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATING REGARDING SWINE FLU.  
14 WE'VE HOSTED TWO PRESS CONFERENCES IN THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING  
15 A WELL-ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THAT WE HOSTED WITH  
16 REPRESENTATIVES FROM E.M.S., FROM L.A.C.O.E., FROM L.A.U.S.D.,  
17 AND FROM THE AIRPORTS. IN ADDITION, WE'VE POSTED GENERAL  
18 INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SWINE FLU ON  
19 OUR WEBSITE. WE HAVE ALSO POSTED FLU PREVENTION TIPS AND LINKS  
20 TO THE C.D.C. AND W.H.O. SWINE FLU INVESTIGATION WEB PAGES.  
21 AND WE HAVE BEEN POSTING INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS ON OUR  
22 DEPARTMENT'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL. IN TERMS MUCH HEALTH EDUCATION,  
23 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE MEDIA OUTLETS AND COMMUNITY  
24 PARTNERS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN DO TO AVOID  
25 ALL TYPES OF FLU, INCLUDING SWINE FLU. AND I WOULD POINT OUT



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1 WE STILL HAVE INFLUENZA B CIRCULATING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND  
2 RECENTLY FOUND A CLUSTER OF THAT. SO SWINE FLU IS NOT THE ONLY  
3 FLU TO CIRCULATE. IT MAY BE ALMOST THE EXCLUSIVE TYPE A FLU,  
4 HOWEVER. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT IN TERMS OF SPECIALIZED  
5 OUTREACH WITH GOVERNMENTAL AND PARTNERS DURING THE PAST FEW  
6 DAYS. WE HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND  
7 FIRST RESPONDERS TO PREPARE THEM WITH GUIDANCE ON HOW TO CARE  
8 FOR POTENTIAL AND CONFIRMED SWINE FLU CASES. THAT COMPLETES MY  
9 TESTIMONY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MOTION. I'D BE HAPPY  
10 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DR. FIELDING, IF I COULD JUST ASK A  
13 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, IN REGARDS TO POTENTIAL TO  
14 JUST KEEP HYSTERIA DOWN. THERE WAS SOME BLOGGING GOING ON THIS  
15 MORNING IN REGARDS TO TWO PARTICULAR CASES IN MY DISTRICT, ONE  
16 AT A BELLFLOWER FACILITY AND ONE AT A NORWALK FACILITY. AND I  
17 UNDERSTAND THAT THROUGH THE CORONER'S DEPARTMENT THAT THEY  
18 HAVE BRIEFED YOU ON THE OUTCOMES. CAN YOU SORT OF GIVE US AN  
19 EXAMPLE OF WHAT POTENTIAL THE MEDIA REALLY HAS TO BE CAREFUL  
20 ON HOW THEY PORTRAY SOME OF THESE CASES. I KNOW THE ONE  
21 PARTICULAR CASE WAS PNEUMONIA, IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THERE WERE TWO CASES THAT WERE  
24 APPARENTLY MISREPORTED. ONE IS DEFINITELY NOT SWINE FLU. AND  
25 THE OTHER ONE IS STILL BEING LOOKED AT. BUT, AGAIN, I WOULD



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1 NOT BE SURPRISED IF WE HAVE DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH INFLUENZA.  
2 AND THE SWINE FLU IS LIKE SEASONAL INFLUENZA. WE WOULD EXPECT  
3 THAT WE WOULD HAVE SOME DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALSO, YOU MENTIONED EVERYTHING BUT A  
6 VERY BIG INDUSTRY STILL HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
7 PARTICULARLY MY DISTRICT, WITH BOTH THE PORTS. BOTH THE  
8 TRAFFIC OF PORTS BUT ALSO CRUISE SHIP TERMINALS. AND HOW ARE  
9 WE DEALING WITH THOSE?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL CONTROLS TRAFFIC IN  
12 THE INTERNATIONAL PARTS. THEY HAVE POSTED TRAVELERS' WARNINGS  
13 THAT ESSENTIALLY QUESTION PEOPLE FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS AND TO  
14 REPORT TO LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE HAVE A SYSTEM SET UP?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES.

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE ARE WORKING WITH THE C.D.C.  
21 QUARANTINE UNIT THAT'S STATIONED HERE.

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23 **SPEAKER:** AND CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL.

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25 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** CUSTOM AND BORDER PATROL, AS WELL.





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2 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S BOTH AT THE PORTS AS WELL AS L.A.X.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? OKAY.

5 ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?

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7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF -- WE HAVE A

8 LOT OF MATERIAL IN SPANISH. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF

9 TRANSLATING THE HYGIENE MATERIALS INTO ABOUT NINE OR TEN

10 LANGUAGES AND MAKING SURE THEY'RE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH

11 APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY AND OTHER CHANNELS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THE DO'S AND DON'TS THAT THE

14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

15

16 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THERE ARE REALLY FOUR THINGS THAT ARE

17 VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO DO. ONE IS TO WASH YOUR HANDS

18 A LOT. AND HAVING A LOT OF HAND SANITIZER AROUND BECAUSE YOU

19 DON'T ALWAYS HAVE SOAP AND WATER HANDY IS A VERY GOOD IDEA.

20 SECONDLY, COVER YOUR COUGH, COVER YOUR SNEEZE. BECAUSE THAT'S

21 THE WAY INFLUENZA OFTENTIMES GETS TRANSMITTED. THIRD, DON'T

22 TOUCH YOUR EYES OR YOUR NOSE OR YOUR MOUTH WITH YOUR HANDS.

23 BECAUSE WHERE YOUR HANDS MAY HAVE BEEN WHERE SOMEBODY IN FACT

24 DID SNEEZE AND THERE COULD BE SOME VIRUS THERE AND YOU'RE

25 THEN, THROUGH THE MUCOUS MEMBRANES IS FREQUENTLY THE WAY IT



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1 COMES INTO THE HUMAN BODY. AND, FINALLY, DON'T GO TO WORK AND  
2 DON'T SEND YOUR KID TO SCHOOL OR GO TO SCHOOL YOURSELF IF YOU  
3 HAVE THAT KIND OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS. BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO  
4 SPREAD IT, WHETHER IT'S INFLUENZA OR SOMETHING ELSE. AND IF  
5 YOU HAVE THAT PROBLEM -- I SHOULD MAKE ONE OTHER POINT. THERE  
6 IS NO NEED FOR PEOPLE TO USE MASKS AS A GENERAL PREVENTIVE  
7 MEASURE. THERE'S NO BROAD INFORMATION THAT THAT'S EFFECTIVE.  
8 NOW, IF YOU HAVE SOMEBODY AT HOME WHO IS SICK AND NEEDS TO BE  
9 TAKEN CARE OF TO PUT A MASK ON THEM AS A PATIENT IS A  
10 DIFFERENT STORY. IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, THAT'S A DIFFERENT  
11 STORY. BUT I THINK THAT IT REALLY DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FROM A  
12 SCIENTIFIC POINT OF VIEW, FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH POINT OF VIEW  
13 FOR PEOPLE TO BE WALKING AROUND WEARING MASKS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ISN'T ONE OF THE OTHER ISSUES THE FACT  
16 THAT WE'RE AT THE TAIL END OF THE NORMAL FLU SEASON, AND  
17 OBVIOUSLY SOME OF THE TESTING HAS NOT BEEN AS INTENSE PROBABLY  
18 AS IT WOULD DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE SEASON? AND WOULDN'T IT  
19 BE IMPORTANT. WHEN IN DOUBT, I THINK YOU SAID THIS THE OTHER  
20 DAY, IF YOU HAVE A SYMPTOM, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU LET YOUR  
21 MEDICAL PERSONNEL, YOUR DOCTOR AND GET IT CHECKED OUT  
22 IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU ARE GETTING THE WORD OUT TO THE DOCTORS  
23 AND E.R.S AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT THE TESTING IS REALLY  
24 IMPORTANT AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT THAT IT GOES BEYOND THE  
25 OTHER STRAINS.



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2 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YOU KNOW, THAT'S A VERY GOOD POINT,  
3 SUPERVISOR. IN GENERAL, ANYBODY WHO HAS THE SEASONAL FLU IS  
4 GOING TO FEEL TERRIBLE. I MEAN, YOU HAVE A FEVER. YOU FEEL  
5 VERY LETHARGIC. YOU MAY HAVE PAINS ALL OVER YOUR BODY. YOU  
6 HAVE A DRY COUGH. YOU HAVE NO ENERGY. SO MOST PEOPLE ARE GOING  
7 TO SAY "GEE, WHIZ I'M SICK." WELL, I WOULD RECOMMEND IN MOST  
8 CASES THAT PEOPLE IN FACT CALL THEIR DOCTOR BEFORE COMING IN  
9 TO SEE THEIR DOCTOR AND SEE WHAT IN FACT IF THEY THINK THAT A  
10 VISIT IS NECESSARY. IF PEOPLE HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS, IF THEY  
11 HAVE UNDERLYING CONDITIONS THAT INCREASE THE RISK OF SERIOUS  
12 PROBLEM IF THEY HAVE A REGULAR FLU, THEN OF COURSE THEY SHOULD  
13 SEE THEIR DOCTOR. OR IF THEY'RE HAVING REAL TROUBLE BREATHING  
14 OR THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT OTHERWISE, I THINK IN THIS CASE  
15 RATHER THAN TRAVELING IN AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT,  
16 INCREASING YOUR RISK OF BEING EXPOSED TO SOME PEOPLE WHO  
17 MIGHT, THAT YOU MIGHT CALL YOUR PROVIDER IN ADVANCE AND CHECK  
18 OUT THE NEED. WE DO HAVE HERE THE FLU PREVENTION TIPS, BOTH IN  
19 ENGLISH AND ESPANOL. AND AGAIN, WE ARE TRANSLATING THESE INTO  
20 OTHER LANGUAGES, AS WELL.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I ALSO UNDERSTAND, FOR THOSE LISTENING  
23 OUT THERE TODAY, THAT WE DO HAVE A MULTI-LANGUAGE RESOURCE WEB  
24 PAGE, PH.LACOUNTY.GOV. IS THAT CORRECT?

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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT, THANK YOU. THANK YOU  
2 FOR MENTIONING THAT.

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4 **SPEAKER:** ONE ADDITIONAL COMMENT REGARDING INFLUENZA,  
5 SUPERVISORS, THAT IT IS TYPICALLY WHEN YOU SEE A CLINICIAN,  
6 THE CLINICIANS ARE TYPICALLY NOT TESTING FOR INFLUENZA. AND WE  
7 WERE AT THE TAIL END OF THE FLU SEASON. SO ONE OF THE  
8 CHALLENGES HERE IS RAMPING UP OUR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM TO  
9 ENCOURAGE PROVIDERS TO DO PROPER CASE IDENTIFICATION AND TO  
10 TEST FOR IT AND TO MOVE THOSE SAMPLES TO US.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WAS MY POINT EARLIER. I THINK  
13 THAT'S A BIG ISSUE.

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. USUALLY IF  
16 IT'S A MILD OR MODERATE CASE, NORMALLY THEY WOULD JUST SAY  
17 WELL, WE'LL TREAT IT SYMPTOMATICALLY. AND NOW WE'RE SAYING,  
18 BUT WE'D LIKE YOU TO ALSO LOOK AT THIS. I WOULD ALSO MAKE ONE  
19 OTHER POINT. AND THAT IS, ONCE WE FIND SOME CASES -- AND I  
20 FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO FIND SOME -- WE'RE  
21 NOT GOING TO BE AS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW MANY CASES WE FIND.  
22 IT'S REALLY FOCUSED ON TRYING TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF CASES  
23 AND KEEPING SOME GENERAL TRACK OF OVERALL ABSENTEEISM AND  
24 THINGS LIKE THIS, RATHER THAN LOOKING FOR EVERY CASE. BECAUSE  
25 WE CAN USE OUR RESOURCES BETTER TO FOCUS ON THE BROAD ISSUES



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1 RATHER -- BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE PROVIDING TREATMENT.  
2 AND MOST PEOPLE, IF THEY HAVE MILD TO MODERATE SYMPTOMS, WE'RE  
3 NOT GOING TO ADD MUCH TO THAT EQUATION.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE'S NO OTHER  
6 QUESTIONS, THE OTHER THING I JUST WANT TO MAKE CLEAR WITH THE  
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER HERE IS THE FACT THAT WHILE WE MADE THE  
8 MOTION ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HIS REQUIREMENT, I ASSUME  
9 THAT INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EMERGENCY OF OUR LOCAL  
10 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. DOES THAT HAVE  
11 TO BE READ IN FULL? OR CAN WE JUST INCLUDE THAT AS A MOTION?

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COUNSEL HAS ADVISED US IF WE COULD JUST  
14 READ THE LAST PORTION OF IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW THEREFORE HEREBY PROCLAIMING AN  
17 ORDER BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT A  
18 LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SHALL  
19 BE DEEMED TO CONTINUE TO EXIST UNTIL ITS TERMINATION IS  
20 PROCLAIMED BY THIS BOARD. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT THIS  
21 PROCLAMATION BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE  
22 OF EMERGENCY SERVICE ON THIS DATE. I'LL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD  
2 FOR YOUR VERY STRONG SUPPORT AND POINT OUT THAT IT'S YOUR  
3 SUPPORT OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS THAT HAS HELPED US BE PREPARED  
4 FOR THIS, HAVING A PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLAN, HAVING HAD A LOT  
5 OF EXERCISES THAT YOU'VE SANCTIONED. AND SO WE APPRECIATE THAT  
6 VERY MUCH AND IT'S PAYING OFF NOW.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH. ALL RIGHT. ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THAT HAND SANITIZER  
10 AROUND, MARK? ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE  
11 ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** KEEP IT REAL OVER THERE, MR. CHAIR. DR.  
14 FIELDING SAID WASH YOUR HANDS. I'M TAKING IT LITERALLY.  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS COME FORTH WITH A MOTION THAT I WISH TO  
16 AMEND. I COMMEND HER WORK ON THE VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM.  
17 THIS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, WHICH IS  
18 TO INSTRUCT THE C.E.O., IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTY COUNSEL, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE  
20 CHAIR'S DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN THEIR  
21 EVALUATION REPORT DUE IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. THAT WOULD BE A  
22 RECOMMENDATION ON A UNIFIED TRACKING SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES AN  
23 ASSESSMENT OF THE GRAFFITI TRACKER SYSTEM AND THE TRAFFIC AND  
24 GRAFFITI REPORT SYSTEM WHICH CAN THEN BE ADOPTED AND  
25 RECOMMENDED TO OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH THE GOAL OF



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1 CROSS-SHARING INFORMATION AND CREATING ONE STANDARD GRAFFITI  
2 TRACKING SYSTEM COUNTY-WIDE. AND, FINALLY, IDENTIFICATION OF  
3 HIGH PRIORITY UNINCORPORATED AREAS COUNTYWIDE THAT COULD MOST  
4 BENEFIT FROM THE EXPANSION OF THE VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM.  
5 I WOULD SO MOVE, CONSISTENT WITH THE MAKER OF THE MOTIONS  
6 INTENT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. CHAIR WOULD SECOND THAT. AND MAKE  
9 SURE THAT WHAT'S NOT -- WE'RE NOT DUPLICATING THE WORK EFFORT.  
10 BECAUSE SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE DONE A MOTION A FEW  
11 MONTHS BACK.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WITH THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
16 ORDERED. THAT'S ITEM 22, AS AMENDED. EXCUSE ME IT IS NOT  
17 ORDERED. MOVE TO RECONSIDERATION. WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TWO SPEAKERS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIGUEL GUZMAN, IS THAT CORRECT? AND  
22 NADIA KAHN? THEY ARE HERE, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO COME FORWARD,  
23 PLEASE. IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND PROCEED. THANK  
24 YOU. WELCOME.

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1   **NADIA KAHN:** MY NAME IS NADIA KAHN. AND I WANTED TO SPEAK ON  
2   THIS MATTER BECAUSE I FEEL ESPECIALLY TODAY WITH THE  
3   PRESENTATIONS THAT YOU GAVE TO THE CHILDREN WHO DID THE  
4   ARTWORK AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, IT REALLY SEEMS TO ME THAT THE  
5   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES SUPPORT THIS TYPE OF ART, ESPECIALLY  
6   WHEN IT HAS A POSITIVE MEANING AND ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S WITH  
7   SOMETHING LIKE CHILD ABUSE. AND SO BECAUSE OF THAT, WITH THIS  
8   ISSUE OF GRAFFITI, I HAVE SOME IDEAS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO  
9   PROPOSE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND ONE OF THOSE IDEAS IS  
10  TO PROMOTE MORE PUBLIC MURAL PROJECTS. AND THE REASON FOR THIS  
11  IS BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE PUBLIC MURALS, IT CAN BE SOMETHING  
12  THAT THE COMMUNITY WORKS WITH THE CITY, WITH THE COUNTY TO  
13  COME TOGETHER TO GET THE RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO DO THESE  
14  MURALS. BECAUSE I DO KNOW THAT THE CITY IS CONCERNED ABOUT  
15  GRAFFITI AND EVERYTHING. AND SO THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BE ABLE  
16  TO PROMOTE POSITIVE ART, AND MURALS IS ONE WAY TO DO THAT.  
17  RIGHT NOW, ACTUALLY, A GROUP OF US, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DOING  
18  A MURAL PROJECT AT MACARTHUR PARK, SHOWING THE LOCAL WORKERS  
19  THERE AND THE WAY ALSO ON MAY 1ST, 2007 HOW THE WORKERS IN  
20  COMMUNITIES WERE KICKED OUT AND ATTACKED BY THE L.A.P.D. THAT  
21  DAY TO SHOW A MURAL, TO HAVE A MURAL SHOWING THAT. I MEAN THIS  
22  IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE. BUT I THINK REALLY WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO  
23  IS HAVING THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
24  SUPPORT OF THE CITY. BECAUSE I THINK WHEN IT COMES TO THESE  
25  KINDS OF ART AND WHEN IT COMES TO MURALS, WE HAVE THE IDEAS.



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1    LIKE US, FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE OPERATING RIGHT NOW WITH NO MONEY.  
2    BUT I KNOW THAT THE CITY ALLOCATES MONEY TO DIFFERENT PUBLIC  
3    PROJECTS. AND WE REALLY NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU HERE TO  
4    BE ABLE TO ENGAGE IN THESE MURALS. BECAUSE, FOR EXAMPLE,  
5    FIESTA BROADWAY JUST PASSED. AND THAT GOT A LOT OF SUPPORT  
6    FROM THE CITY TO GET THE STREETS SHUT DOWN, TO HAVE ALL THE  
7    CORPORATIONS COME AND SHARE THEIR PRODUCTS AND EVERYTHING. AND  
8    I THINK IF THE CITY CAN SUPPORT SOMETHING LIKE THAT, OR THE  
9    COUNTY CAN SUPPORT SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEN I WOULD HOPE THAT  
10   THE COUNTY WOULD SUPPORT SOMETHING LIKE HAVING A MURAL  
11   PROJECT. AND THIS FRIDAY ON MAY 1ST, WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO  
12   BE TALKING MORE ABOUT THAT. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL  
13   OF THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM HERE, FROM THE BOARD OF  
14   SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY GLORIA MOLINA, TO COME THAT  
15   NIGHT TO MACARTHUR PARK. WE'LL BE THERE FROM 6 P.M. AND WE'RE  
16   GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THIS MURAL PROJECT. BECAUSE WE THINK  
17   THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US. SO, YEAH, THANK YOU.

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19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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21   **MIGUEL GUZMAN:** HI, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS MIGUEL GUZMAN. AND I  
22   WOULD LIKE TO ACTUALLY SAY IT IN SPANISH. (SPEAKING IN  
23   SPANISH). (INVITING PEOPLE TO MACARTHUR PARK FRIDAY, MAY 1  
24   REGARDING THE MURAL PROJECT).

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1 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL OF YOU FOR MAY 1ST TO THE CONSIDER OR  
2 GUIDE ME IN THE DIRECTION WHERE I GOT TO GO SO WE COULD MAKE  
3 THIS AN INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY HERE IN, AT LEAST IN THE  
4 COUNTY OF L.A. FOR RIGHT NOW. SO THE SCHOOLS COULD PARTICIPATE  
5 AND THEY COULD COME IN THE SAME WAY THEY PARTICIPATE FOR CESAR  
6 CHAVEZ MARCH OR ANY OTHER RALLIES. THIS WOULD BE A VERY  
7 IMPORTANT DAY BECAUSE I GUESS WE HAVE LABOR DAY, BUT BECAUSE  
8 OF THESE IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS AND EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON,  
9 WE REALLY NEED THIS DAY FOR US TO BE ABLE TO LIKE COME  
10 TOGETHER AND HAVE ALL THE CULTURES REALLY SHOW WHAT WE'VE GOT  
11 BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE'RE BEING MISGUIDED BY THE ORGANIZERS,  
12 SUPPOSEDLY LEADERS, WE HAVE. THEY'RE NOT INVOLVING US IN  
13 PLACES LIKE THIS WHERE WE COULD ACTUALLY ENGAGE IN THE CHANGE.  
14 SO IF YOU GUYS HAVE SOME GUIDANCE FOR ME TO MAKE A STREET NAME  
15 FOR BENITO JUAREZ THAT I HAVE ON MY SHIRT, THE FIRST  
16 INDIGENOUS MEXICAN IN MEXICO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW I COULD  
17 DO THAT.

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19 >>SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

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21 MIGUEL GUZMAN: COULD I LEAVE WITH THIS GLORIA MOLINA TO INVITE  
22 YOU GUYS? AND I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT.



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US THEN AS  
2    AMENDED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY  
3    SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
6    RICHARD THOMPSON, A LONGTIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT, DEVOTED  
7    MEMBER OF THE HOME ASSEMBLY CHURCH, RECENTLY PASSED. LEAVES TO  
8    CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY, AND FRIENDS AND MEMBERS  
9    OF HIS CONGREGATION. JOHN HENRY JOSEPH DAVIS, LONGTIME  
10    RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED ON APRIL 14, AT THE  
11    AGE OF 69. HE ENJOYED FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHY AND BECAME A  
12    RENOWNED NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, CAPTURING A NUMBER OF NOTABLE  
13    CELEBRITIES. HE BECAME A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
14    COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BACK TO  
15    SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE. HE ENJOYED  
16    DRIVING HIS CLASSIC 1965 CADILLAC AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS  
17    FAMILY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS MOTHER, VERONIA  
18    BUFFINGTON; HIS FATHER, LEE DAVIS; HIS WIFE CHERYL; HIS SONS,  
19    WINTON, AARON AND JOHN. HIS DAUGHTERS, MICHELLE AND ALEEN;  
20    SISTERS, ALTHERA, DIANE, AND SHIRLEY; HIS BROTHER, WILLIE  
21    DAVIS; ALONG WITH MANY, MANY MORE. MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
22    COLLEAGUES, LASTLY, LEE HELEN CRUMP, LONGTIME LOS ANGELES  
23    COUNTY RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL THE 19TH AT THE AGE  
24    OF 80. SHE RELOCATED TO MARYLAND IN 2007 WITH HER DAUGHTER,  
25    BRENDA, TO BE NEAR HER FAMILY. IN ADDITION TO SPENDING TIME



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1 WITH HER FAMILY, SHE ENJOYED POLITICS, HISTORY AND GARDENING.  
2 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTER, BRENDA; AND  
3 GRANDSON, RODNEY; ALONG WITH OTHER GRATEFUL FAMILY AND  
4 FRIENDS. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I ASK THAT WE  
7 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF VERENICE MACIAS, WHO RECENTLY PASSED  
8 AWAY SUDDENLY AT THE AGE OF 44. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF  
9 LONGTIME AND VALUED MEMBER OF MY OFFICE, REGINA MARQUEZ, WHO  
10 RAISED HER FROM AN EARLY AGE. MY ENTIRE STAFF JOINS ME IN  
11 EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO REGINA. ALL MEMBERS ON  
12 THIS VERY TRAGIC LOSS. BERNARD SIEGEL, ONE OF MY APPOINTESE  
13 AND THE TREASURER TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
14 PASSED AWAY. HE SERVED ON THAT COMMISSION SINCE 2000. HE'LL BE  
15 MUCH MISSED BY ALL THOSE WHO HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH  
16 HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. BLOSSOM  
17 WEINTRAUB, A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO DIED AFTER AN  
18 EXTENDED ILLNESS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 47 YEARS,  
19 BERNARD WEINTRAUB, WHO HAS LONG SERVED AS ONE OF MY APPOINTEES  
20 TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING. SHE IS SURVIVED ALSO BY HER  
21 DAUGHTERS, REBECCA WEINTRAUB AND HILDA WEINTRAUB QWAN; THREE  
22 SONS, MATT AND SETH WEINTRAUB AND HOWARD STOLZ; 19  
23 GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. A LOT OF  
24 CERTIFICATES. LASTLY, ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HASSAN  
25 HATHOT, LONGTIME LEADER IN THE MUSLIM-AMERICAN COMMUNITY,



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1 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. DR. HATHOUT WAS A PHYSICIAN, A  
2 MEDICAL ETHICIST, AN AUTHOR, AND POET. WITH HIS BROTHER MAHER  
3 HATHOUT, HE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF SOUTHERN  
4 CALIFORNIA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF MORE THAN 56 YEARS,  
5 HIS WIFE SALONAS, A RETIRED PATHOLOGIST; HIS DAUGHTER, EBA;  
6 HIS GRANDCHILDREN, SARRAH AND HASSAAN SHAHAWY, HIS BROTHER  
7 MAHER AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS YOU  
10 WERE HOLDING?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE NOT HOLDING ANYTHING. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO RELEASE MY HOLD ON ITEM 27  
15 AND MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST  
17 OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY JANE BERKEY, WHO  
18 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 25TH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE  
19 CHILDREN, BECKY, KITTY, AND CLINT. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL  
20 WHO KNEW HER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HUGO  
21 BUSTAMANTE, AN EMPLOYEE OF LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, WHO  
22 WAS THE VICTIM OF A MURDER- SUICIDE RAMPAGE AT THE HOSPITAL ON  
23 APRIL 16TH. HE WAS THE OUTPATIENT PHARMACY SUPERVISOR. OUR  
24 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS  
25 SURVIVED BY WIFE, JANE; DAUGHTER, ASHLEY; AND SON, DOMINIC.



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1 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MABEL JANE DUKE, LONGTIME FRIEND  
2 AND SUPPORTER AND MOTHER IN LAW OF BOB SCHAEFER, WHO PASSED  
3 AWAY SUDDENLY ON APRIL 23RD IN SACRAMENTO. SHE WAS ONLY 76  
4 YEARS OLD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DAVID; SISTER,  
5 LOREN; DAUGHTERS, MARY, PATTY, WENDY, AND ADA; EIGHT  
6 GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY  
7 MISSED BY EVERYONE WHO KNEW HER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
8 MEMORY OF KELLY HALES, ANOTHER EMPLOYEE OF LONG BEACH MEMORIAL  
9 WHO WAS THE VICTIM OF THE MURDER-SUICIDE AT LONG BEACH  
10 MEMORIAL. HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMBULATORY  
11 PHARMACY, AND A RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH. HE WAS INVOLVED IN  
12 COMMUNITY SERVICE, ENJOYED GOLF, HIKING AND TRAVELING.  
13 OBVIOUSLY, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY AND  
14 FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KAY; DAUGHTERS, ALLISON  
15 AND EMILY; SISTER, HEIDI, AND HER HUSBAND, MICHAEL; AND TWO  
16 NIECES, ASHLEY AND NICOLE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
17 CARLOS "CHARLIE" G. RIVERA, WHO PASSED AWAY. HE IS THE  
18 GRANDFATHER OF MY STAFF MEMBER ANDREA AVILA. HE MOVED TO  
19 HUNTINGTON PARK AND BEGAN A CAREER IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY.  
20 RETIRED FROM NORTHRUP GRUMMAN. CHARLIE HAD A PASSION FOR  
21 HORSES AND LOVED HIS HOBBY SO MUCH HE VOLUNTEERED AS A TRAINER  
22 ASSISTANT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACETRACK. HE LOVED TENDING HIS  
23 BEAUTIFUL ROSE GARDEN AND GRAPE VINES, TAKING HIS KIDS AND  
24 GRANDKIDS TO BISHOP, SHOWING THEM HOW TO FISH, CAMP AND ENJOY  
25 LIFE. WHEN HE WASN'T IN BISHOP, YOU COULD SEE HIM SITTING





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1 OUTSIDE WAITING TO SEE WHO WOULD SHOW UP AND TALK LIFE AND  
2 POLITICS WITH HIM. HE ENJOYED HAVING FAMILY BARBECUES. HIS  
3 FAMILY IS GRATEFUL FOR THE YEARS AND MEMORIES THANKFUL HE IS  
4 NOW REUNITED WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE OF 56 YEARS, TOMMIE. HE  
5 IS SURVIVED BY NINE CHILDREN, 23 GRANDCHILDREN, 20 GREAT-GRAND  
6 CHILDREN AND ONE GREAT- GREAT- GRANDCHILD, AND WILL BE MISSED  
7 BY ALL. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIO SALDANA, LONGTIME  
8 RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD. A MEMBER OF I.L.W.U., A VETERAN MUCH  
9 WORLD WAR II, HE IS SURVIVED OF 36 YEARS, HELEN, 8 CHILDREN  
10 AND 30 GRANDCHILDREN AND 36 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND THOSE ARE  
11 MY ADJOURNMENTS, SO ORDERED. I HELD ITEM I THINK ALONG WITH  
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I HELD ITEM 24. I GUESS I'M NOT  
13 SURE. I'VE GOT TRISH AND THE C.E.O. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A VERY  
14 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THIS BOARD LETTER, ABOUT \$479  
15 MILLION. OVER HALF OF IT, ABOUT \$270 MILLION, AS I UNDERSTAND,  
16 IS COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS. IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOW MUCH OF THE 270 MILLION IS ALREADY  
21 IDENTIFIED AND HOW MUCH ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND EACH YEAR  
22 FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND BEYOND?

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24 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL THE ENTIRE AMOUNT FORECASTED IN OUR  
25 BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WHEN WE PRESENTED THIS BUDGET



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1 TO THE BOARD, WE PRESENTED A WORSE CASE SCENARIO, BECAUSE THE  
2 PLAN IS THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO GETTING THE STATE TO CONTRIBUTE  
3 A GREATER SHARE OF THESE COSTS, PARTICULARLY FOR WRAP-AROUND.  
4 WE'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN TWO AREAS. ONE IS THAT WE'RE  
5 LOOKING TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT WITH THE FEDERAL  
6 GOVERNMENT FOR A HIGHER REIMBURSEMENT. AND THEN THE SECOND  
7 AREA IS THROUGH THE COURT CASE THAT IS SPECIFIC TO THE STATE  
8 CASE ALONE. WE'VE BEEN COOPERATING WITH THE PLAINTIFFS, WHO  
9 ARE VERY INTERESTED IN FINDING INFORMATION AS TO HOW WRAP-  
10 AROUND WORKS SO THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS TO HAVE THE  
11 STATE COVER THOSE COSTS. KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN WE SET OUT THE  
12 ORIGINAL NUMBER OF WRAP-AROUND SLOTS THAT WE WOULD BE  
13 IDENTIFYING, WE DID IT SOMEWHAT GUESSING WHAT WE NEEDED. IT'S  
14 VERY LIKELY THAT THAT NUMBER IS GOING TO DECLINE, BUT WE'LL BE  
15 MONITORING THAT EVERY YEAR. THESE ARE ONE-YEAR CONTRACTS THAT  
16 WILL BE REVIEWED BEFORE THEY'RE EXTENDED AGAIN BASED UPON WHAT  
17 NEW INFORMATION WE HAVE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, AS YOU MENTIONED, THE TIER 1  
20 SERVICES, OBVIOUSLY FUNDING SOURCES FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT  
21 AREAS ARE INCLUDED IN THAT IN ADDITION TO COUNTY GENERAL  
22 FUNDS. BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, TIER 2, WE ARE SHOULDERING THE  
23 ENTIRE AMOUNT. AND OBVIOUSLY IN THE OUT YEARS, AND NEW  
24 BUDGETS, IT CAN BECOME DIFFICULT. IS THERE A REASON WHY WE



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1 HAVE TO SHOULDER THE ENTIRE COST OUT OF GENERAL FUND AND TIER  
2 1 AND 2?

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4 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** YES, BASICALLY IT IS BECAUSE UNDER THE CAPPED  
5 ALLOCATION ON THE WAIVER, WE ACTUALLY HAVE BUDGETED OUR ENTIRE  
6 BUDGET. IT GOES PARTIALLY TOWARDS THE FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT  
7 COSTS THAT WE'RE PAYING FOR ALL THE CHILDREN IN CARE, OVER  
8 1200 OF THE TIER 1 SLOTS THAT WE'RE ALREADY FUNDING, AND THEN  
9 THERE'S THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONTRACT COSTS FOR ALL OF THE  
10 WAIVER STRATEGIES THAT WE'RE EMPLOYING. SO BASICALLY ANY TYPE  
11 OF MATCHING MONEY WE HAVE ALREADY EXPENDED, WHICH MEANS THAT  
12 EITHER WE DO TIER 2 OR SOME OTHER TYPE OF PROJECT, IT WOULD  
13 STILL HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE NET COUNTY COST. THE REASON THAT  
14 WE THINK THE TIER 2 IS A GOOD INVESTMENT, IT'S A PREVENTION  
15 INITIATIVE. BECAUSE IF WE WAIT UNTIL THE PROBLEMS ESCALATE TO  
16 QUALIFY FOR TIER 1, IT'S GOING TO COST MORE MONEY, NUMBER ONE.  
17 BUT NUMBER TWO, IT'S ALSO NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR  
18 CHILDREN. WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THEIR MENTAL HEALTH  
19 PROBLEMS HAVE BECOME SEVERE. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET HELP TO  
20 THEM WHILE THEY ARE STILL -- WHILE THEY STILL HAVE THE ABILITY  
21 FOR US TO CATCH IT EARLY AND ASSIST THAT FAMILY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WHAT'S A FEASIBILITY OF MOVING  
24 FORWARD WITH TIER 1 NOW AS YOU MENTIONED? BECAUSE WE CAN



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1 LEVERAGE OBVIOUSLY OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT AND NOT MAKE A MULTI-  
2 YEAR COMMITMENT TO TIER 2? IS THAT A POSSIBILITY?

3

4 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** I MEAN, CERTAINLY ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. WE  
5 DON'T ADVISE THAT SIMPLY BECAUSE IF WE MOVE AHEAD WITH TIER 1,  
6 NOW WE HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED THE SERVICES  
7 THAT THEY NEED. PUTTING ASIDE THE FACT THAT IT'S A COMMITMENT  
8 THAT WE'VE MADE AS PART OF THE KATIE A. LAWSUIT, IT TRULY IS.  
9 I TRULY BELIEVE IT'S NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR CHILDREN.  
10 WE NEED THIS SAFETY NET FOR OUR CHILDREN. AND I THINK THAT  
11 EVEN THOUGH IT'S PUTTING UP THE MONEY UP FRONT. AND I KNOW IN  
12 THIS ECONOMIC SITUATION, IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, I THINK IT  
13 WILL SAVE MONEY DOWN THE LINE.

14

15 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** TIER 1 IS SEVERAL TIMES MORE EXPENSIVE THAN  
16 TIER 2. TIER 1 IS 4,184 A MONTH WHILE TIER 2 IS 1,250 A MONTH.  
17 SO WANT SORT OF CREATE A LESS EXPENSIVE OPTION FOR KIDS WHO  
18 NEED, NOT AS AN INTENSIVE SERVICES.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE KATIE A. PANELS IS ALSO DEMANDING  
21 THAT WE EXPAND THE WRAP AROUND PROGRAM TO SUSTAIN A TOTAL OF  
22 4,200 SLOTS. GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE ARE SOMEWHAT OF A  
23 CONSISTENT TREND OF DECLINING CASELOADS, WHY IS THERE SUCH A  
24 LARGE EXPANSION REQUIRED? TREND OF DECLINING CASELOADS, WHY IS  
25 THERE SUCH A LARGE EXPANSION REQUIRED?



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2 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** BASICALLY BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH OUR CASELOADS  
3 ARE COMING DOWN AND I FIRMLY EXPECT THEM TO CONTINUE TO COME  
4 DOWN, THE CHILDREN THAT REMAIN IN THE SYSTEM ARE OF A MORE  
5 HIGH NEEDS FAMILIES, MORE HIGH NEEDS CHILDREN. SO THAT MEANS  
6 THAT PROPORTIONATELY WE HAVE THE NEED FOR MORE OF THOSE  
7 CHILDREN TO BE SERVED, ESPECIALLY WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.  
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ON ITEM  
9 24?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M SATISFIED THAT THE  
12 CONCERNS THAT WERE ALREADY RESPONDED TO ADDRESSED SOME OF THE  
13 QUESTIONS I HAD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF  
16 BEFORE I CALL A COUPLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC? MIKE?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK BILL. COULD YOU EXPLAIN YOUR  
19 PROGRESS IN PURSUING ADDITIONAL STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR  
20 THE WRAP AROUND PROGRAM AND THE PERSPECTIVE THAT WE HAVE IN  
21 ACHIEVING THIS?

22

23 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** AS I MENTIONED, THERE'S THREE DIFFERENT  
24 STRATEGIES. THE FIRST ONE IS TRYING TO GET TO BE PART OF THE  
25 STATE PLANNED AMENDMENT SO THAT WE RECEIVE A HIGHER



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1 REIMBURSEMENT RATE. THAT'S A CHALLENGING STRATEGY BECAUSE AT  
2 THE END OF THE DAY, IT RESULTS IN COSTING THE STATE MORE  
3 MONEY. AND IN THIS FISCAL TIME, IT'S NOT LIKELY THE STATE  
4 WOULD SUPPORT THAT. THE BEST OPTION WE'RE PURSUING IS WITH THE  
5 CASE AGAINST THE STATE. WE'VE PROVIDED EXPERT TESTIMONY. WE  
6 BRIEFED THEM ON OUR WRAP-AROUND PROGRAM. A SPECIAL MASTER HAS  
7 BEEN APPOINTED AND HE ACTUALLY CITED LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS AN  
8 EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE STATE NEEDS TO DO. SO WE'RE HOPING THAT  
9 THROUGH THAT WORK, AND THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE COURT, THAT  
10 THE STATE WILL BE MANDATED TO PROVIDE A BIGGER COVERAGE OF THE  
11 WRAP-AROUND PROGRAM.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IF PROPOSITION 1-E IS APPROVED, WHICH I  
14 HOPE IT IS, I HOPE ALL OF THOSE PROPOSITIONS ARE DEFEATED. BUT  
15 IF 1-E WAS APPROVED, WHAT IMPACT DOES THAT HAVE ON OUR FUTURE  
16 FUNDING FOR TIER 2, THE FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP SLOTS? AND IF  
17 DIVERTED, DOES THIS NOT WEIGH UPON THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND  
18 ONCE AGAIN?

19

20 **DR. MARV SOUTHARD:** MARV SOUTHARD, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.  
21 SUPERVISOR, OUR ANALYSIS IS THAT IF 1-E WERE TO PASS, IT WOULD  
22 NOT AFFECT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS SECTION OF THE  
23 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, WHICH IS THE PORTION THAT FUNDS  
24 FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS. SO WE WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY IMPACT  
25 ON TIER 2 FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE FUTURE.



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2   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. NOW THAT THE  
3   JUDICIAL BRANCH IS ACTING AS AN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BODY  
4   AT TIMES, WHAT'S THE COURT'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE FINANCIAL  
5   IMPACT TO THE REST OF THE COUNTY'S CRITICAL SERVICES IF ONE  
6   HALF BILLION DOLLARS IS ALLOCATED TOWARDS COMPLYING WITH THE  
7   KATIE A. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

8

9   **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS A PRODUCT OF A VOLUNTARY  
10   NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PLAINTIFFS. THE COURT  
11   HAS BEEN INVOLVED. AND WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE THE  
12   COURT AND THE PLAINTIFFS AWARE OF THE COUNTY'S FISCAL ISSUES  
13   THAT WE PRESENTLY HAVE AND MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE.

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15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT WOULD BE THE COUNTY'S EXIT STRATEGY  
16   AND TIMELINE TO GET OUT OF THE SITUATION?

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18   **ROBERT KALUNIAN:** I BELIEVE YOUR BOARD APPROVED A CORRECTIVE  
19   ACTION PLAN, WHICH WAS CALLED THE STRATEGIC PLAN, WHICH IS THE  
20   FIVE-YEAR PLAN BACK IN OCTOBER. AND THAT PLAN INVOLVED INPUT  
21   FROM D.C.F.S., D.M.H. AND C.E.O. AND ALL THOSE DEPARTMENTS  
22   PROJECT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE EXIT CRITERIA WITHIN THE  
23   FIVE YEARS.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS. TRISH? HOW DO YOU PLAN  
2   ON ADDRESSING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S FINDINGS RELATED TO THE  
3   EXPENDITURE PRACTICES OF THE OTHERWISE OUTSTANDING WRAP-AROUND  
4   SERVICES THAT WE HAVE?

5

6   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** ACTUALLY, WE HAVE AN ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM  
7   THAT'S BOTH PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH AND D.C.F.S. THAT COME  
8   TOGETHER TO LOOK AT THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE AGENCIES. WE LOOK  
9   AT PROGRAMMATIC PRACTICE ISSUES AS WELL AS FISCAL AND  
10   ADMINISTRATIVE. WE HAVE A PROCESS BY WHICH WE DO SAMPLES OF  
11   THEIR WORK. AND IF THERE IS PROBLEMS, WE HAVE A PROCESS BY  
12   PUTTING THEM ON AN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. AND THEN ASSISTING  
13   THEM THROUGH TRAINING, THROUGH CLOSER MONITORING TO ENSURE  
14   THAT THEY BRING THEIR AGENCY UP TO STANDARD.

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT --

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO  
21   INTRODUCE. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE WRAP-AROUND  
22   CONTRACTS ARE ONLY PART OF THE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL AND  
23   PROGRAMMATIC COMMITMENT WE ARE MAKING TO MEET THE CONDITIONS  
24   UNDER KATIE A. IN ADDITION TO THESE WRAP-AROUND CONTRACTS,  
25   THIS FRIDAY, SOCIAL WORKERS AT BELVEDERE, SANTA FE SPRINGS



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1 OFFICE WILL BEGIN THE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING PROCESS  
2 COMMITTED UNDER THE KATIE A. STRATEGIC PLAN THAT WE ADOPTED  
3 LAST OCTOBER. THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP IN IDENTIFYING WHICH  
4 CHILDREN OR YOUTH MAY REQUIRE FURTHER ASSESSMENTS AND  
5 TREATMENTS. WE HAVE WAITED FOR THIS FOR SOME TIME. AND IT'S  
6 IMPORTANT THAT WE TRACK THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SCREENING, THE  
7 REFERRAL, AS WELL AS THE TREATMENT SERVICES. I THEREFORE MOVE  
8 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECEIVE A MONTHLY REPORT  
9 BEGINNING ON MAY 30TH WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE  
10 C.E.O., DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, AS WELL AS THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH: THE NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS  
12 COMPLETING THE SCREENINGS, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT HAVE  
13 BEEN SCREENED, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN REFERRED  
14 TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE AMOUNT OF TIME BETWEEN  
15 SCREENING, ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT ACCESS; THE NUMBER OF  
16 CHILDREN ACCESSING SERVICES; THE WAITING TIMES, IF ANY, AT  
17 DIRECTLY OPERATED CLINICS OR CONTRACTED PROVIDERS; AND OF  
18 COURSE, AN ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY OF THOSE MENTAL HEALTH  
19 SERVICES THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SECOND THAT, MR. CHAIR.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE  
24 US AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA WITH A SECOND. I HAVE DR.



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1 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS. I GOT YOU. SHE PASSES.

2 ARNOLD?

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
5 ARNOLD SACHS. I ACTUALLY WAS GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT  
6 LAST WEEK'S MEETING AND I THOUGHT I'D USE SOME OF THE THINGS  
7 IN THIS AGENDA ITEM TO DISCUSS THAT BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW THAT  
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD HAVE SOMETHING DEALING WITH  
9 LAST WEEK'S MEETING. BUT IT WAS MENTIONED WHEN HE HAD HIS  
10 AMENDMENT THAT YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARTICLE IN THE  
11 L.A. TIMES. I WAS READING THE ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES AFTER  
12 THE MEETING. AND SO I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HERE WHERE IT SAYS IN  
13 THIS AGENDA ITEM "THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
14 TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE PLAN.  
15 WRAP-AROUND SERVICE USING EXTENDED REQUESTS FOR STATEMENT OF  
16 QUALIFICATIONS APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
17 SERVICES." AND THEN IN THAT ARTICLE FROM WEDNESDAY, APRIL  
18 22ND, IT STATED THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM WITH DOING THE  
19 ELECTRONIC MEDIA SITUATION IS THERE'S STATE LEGISLATION THAT  
20 DOESN'T ALLOW FOR THAT. THAT CONFIDENTIAL FILES STAND IN THE  
21 WAY OF DEVELOPING A COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT WOULD ALLOW SOCIAL  
22 WORKERS TO EFFICIENTLY SHARE DATA WITH OTHER AGENCIES SO THAT  
23 THEY MIGHT LEARN ABOUT A PARENT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY OR A  
24 CHILD'S UNEXPLAINED INJURIES. AND THEN FURTHER ON IN THAT  
25 ARTICLE, IT STATES THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS REFERRED TO THE



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1 BOARD IN A 2001 REPORT. SO WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE 2001? WHY  
2 HASN'T ANY AGENDA -- WHY HASN'T ANYTHING BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE  
3 STATE LEGISLATION? AND WOULD THAT INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
4 REPORTS BE PART OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
5 SERVICES' PLAN IN THE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHILD  
6 SERVICES? BECAUSE IF YOU'RE NOT ADDRESSING THAT, THEN ALL THE  
7 SERVICES YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IN THIS WRAP-AROUND PROGRAM ARE  
8 REALLY FOR NAUGHT. AND SO THAT'S A QUESTION I HAVE. AND THEN I  
9 HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION REGARDING THE JUXTAPOSITION OF THE  
10 REPORTS THAT WERE GIVEN LAST WEEK. FIRST YOU HAD THIS CHILD  
11 FAMILY SERVICES REPORT, THEN YOU HAD THE BUDGET. AND IN THE  
12 BUDGET, MR. FUJIOKA MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THEY'RE  
13 GOING TO DO THIS YEAR IN THIS BUDGET IS THEY'RE GOING TO  
14 ELIMINATE POSITIONS THAT WERE FUNDED BUT WEREN'T FILLED. YET  
15 THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
16 SAID SHE NEEDS 1,000 WORKERS. SO SHE NEEDS POSITIONS THAT  
17 DOESN'T HAVE FUNDING AND THE COUNTY IS GOING TO ELIMINATE  
18 POSITIONS THAT ARE FUNDED BUT NOT FILLED. AND THIS IS THE END  
19 OF APRIL. SO I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE POSITIONS MR. FUJIOKA  
20 WAS TALKING ABOUT WERE FUNDED IN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET  
21 DISCUSSIONS LAST MAY. WHERE'S THE MONEY? THAT'S 10 MONTHS, 11  
22 MONTHS. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY? IF THE POSITIONS HAVEN'T  
23 BEEN FILLED, THEN THE MONEY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. SHE NEEDS  
24 1,000 WORKERS. THEY HAVE IN NEW YORK 15 CASES PER WORKER. HOW  
25 MANY DESKS DO THEY HAVE IN NEW YORK? HOW DID THEY MANAGE TO



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1 LOWER THEIR CASEWORKER LOAD DOWN TO 15 PEOPLE? WHEN ARE THESE  
2 PROBLEMS GOING TO BE ADDRESSED? WHO HANDLED THAT INFORMATION?  
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM'S BEFORE  
6 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
8 ORDERED. ARNOLD, WHILE YOU'RE HERE, I BELIEVE YOU HELD ITEM  
9 25. GENEVIEVE HELD ITEM 25? ARE YOU OKAY? ITEM 25, MOVED BY  
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN. ALSO ON ITEM 1-D., THE  
14 SPEAKER NO LONGER WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS. AND IT'S  
15 RELATED TO ITEM 26.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 1-D AND ITEM 26, MOVED BY THE  
18 CHAIR, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
19 ORDERED. I THINK THAT TAKES CARE OF THE AGENDA, IS THAT  
20 CORRECT? EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS? I KNOW, BUT BEFORE S-1.  
21 OH, I'LL WAIT FOR MY READ-IN MOTION TO JUST BEFORE, I THINK.  
22 ITEM S-1. DR. CLAVREUL WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SPEAK.

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24 **CAROL MEYER:** CAROL MEYER, CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER FOR THE HEALTH  
25 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS OUR TENTH PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MOVE OF



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1 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE REPORT, WE  
2 HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE UTILIZATION RATE, 83  
3 PERCENT OF THE WHOLE FACILITY, 671 BEDS, ARE BEING UTILIZED ON  
4 AN AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS. AND OF THE MEDICAL SURGICAL BEDS  
5 ALONE, WE ARE AT 94 PERCENT UTILIZATION. I'D LIKE TO REPORT  
6 THAT WE RECENTLY RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE SINCE THIS  
7 REPORT WAS WRITTEN FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING,  
8 ALLOWING US TO FLEX, PROVIDE FLEX CONSIDERATION FOR THE I.C.U.  
9 BEDS, ALLOWING US TO USE THEM AS MEDICAL SURGICAL BEDS, THESE  
10 ARE THE UNUSED I.C.U. BEDS, AND PROVIDE STAFFING AT THE MED-  
11 SURG LEVEL. IN ADDITION, I'D LIKE TO REPORT THAT L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
12 MEDICAL CENTER HAS BEGUN TEACHING STAFF REGARDING THE NEW SURG  
13 PLAN. THIS IS THE PLAN THAT EVERY HOSPITAL IS REQUIRED TO  
14 DEVELOP AS REQUIRED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION AND LICENSING TO  
15 DEAL WITH SURGES IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. THIS SURGE PLAN  
16 WILL REQUIRE US TO INCREASE TRANSFERS, LOOK AT THIS I.C.U. BED  
17 CAPACITY, IMPROVE PATIENT FLOW AND A VARIETY OF MEASURES. AND  
18 THAT PLAN WILL GO INTO PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ONCE THE  
19 EDUCATION AND TRAINING IS COMPLETED.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WILL YOU REPORT BACK TO US ON THE SURGE PLAN?  
22 YOU'RE TRAINING PEOPLE ON THE OLD ONE?

23



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** NO. WE'RE TRAINING ON THE NEW ONE THE ITEMS THAT  
2 ARE SPECIFIC TO PATIENT FLOW. WE ARE NOT IMPLEMENTING MEASURES  
3 RELATED --

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL OBVIOUSLY, THE CONCERNS I HAVE DEAL WITH  
6 PATIENT FLOW. HOW CAN YOU BE TRAINING THEM ON SOMETHING THAT  
7 WE HAVEN'T APPROVED YET?

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9 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO BRING IT  
10 FORTH AND HAVE IT FULLY REVIEWED. I KNOW THAT THERE WERE  
11 ISSUES ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER BEDS IN OTHER  
12 FACILITIES AND ALSO THE ISSUE ABOUT WHETHER ANY PART OF THIS  
13 PLAN INCLUDED HAVING PATIENTS IN THE HALLWAYS, WHICH IS NOT  
14 WHAT WE WOULD WANT TO DO. BUT WE'D BE HAPPY TO BRING BACK THE  
15 ENTIRE PLAN TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU WILL NOT BE TRAINING  
18 THE EMPLOYEES ON THAT PLAN?

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** WE'RE TRAINING THE EMPLOYEES ON THE PIECES OF THE  
21 PLAN THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD WITHIN THE FACILITIES. ALL OF OUR  
22 HOSPITALS HAVE A SURGE PLAN, IT'S REQUIRED BY JCO.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THIS HOSPITAL HAS THE ONLY ONE WITH  
25 PEOPLE SLEEPING IN THE HALLWAY.





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2 **CAROL MEYER:** NO, WE'VE NOT IMPLEMENTED THAT PORTION AS STATED  
3 BY THE REPORT. WE HAVE NOT IMPLEMENTED THE HALLWAY BED PLAN  
4 PORTION. THAT HAS BEEN EXCLUDED.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S THE PORTION -- A COMMITMENT WAS MADE TO  
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT FOR THAT ASPECT, THAT WE'RE COMING  
8 BACK TO HER OFFICE AND IDENTIFYING SOME ALTERNATIVES. I  
9 BELIEVE WHAT CAROL'S REFERRING TO IS WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THE  
10 I.C.U. BEDS, WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF PATIENTS TO  
11 NOT ONLY WITHIN OUR SYSTEM BUT POSSIBLY OUTSIDE THAT SYSTEM.  
12 WE'RE LOOKING AT EVERY OPTION POSSIBLE RELATED TO MANAGING AN  
13 INFLUX OR A SURGE OF PATIENTS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT  
14 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. BUT WITH RESPECT TO THAT ONE  
15 OPTION ABOUT THE UTILIZING HALLWAY BEDS, THAT'S NOT BEING DONE  
16 UNTIL WE COME BACK WITH SOME ALTERNATIVES AS PROMISED TO YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE? OR DR. CLAVREUL,  
21 EXCUSE ME.

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23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
24 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I GUESS SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD IT IS



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1 11 O'CLOCK A.M., BUT CERTAINLY NOT IN LOS ANGELES. ANYWAY, I'M  
2 GLAD TO SEE THAT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE ARE OTHER PARTS. IT'S 11 O'CLOCK  
5 SOMEPLACE.

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. IT'S 11 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE IN THE  
8 WORLD. WHO CARES? I'M GLAD THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERING RIGHT NOW  
9 THE ISSUE OF HAVING PATIENT IN THE HALLWAY. I THINK THAT'S A  
10 BIG NO NO. AND I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER. I'M ALSO, THE WAIT IN  
11 THE E.R. I MEAN IN THE E.D., IS STILL VERY HIGH. WE STILL HAVE  
12 A LOT OF PEOPLE LEAVING WITHOUT BEING SEEN. LIKE IN THE  
13 BOARDING TIME. AN EXAMPLE IS THE INCREASE. YOU WENT FROM 4.44  
14 TO 6.06. THAT'S A HUGE INCREASE ON BOARDING TIME IN THE E.D.  
15 THE WAITING TIMES HAVE ALSO INCREASED. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
16 KNOW WHY IN PAGE 9 OF 11, THIS SAYS THAT 26 PATIENTS WERE  
17 REFUSED ON TRANSFER. I WONDER WHY. DO WE KNOW? THAT WOULD BE  
18 KIND OF NICE.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL TRY TO GET THAT ANSWER FOR YOU.  
21 THAT'S A RECEIVE AND FILE, IS THAT CORRECT?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR  
2   ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS. IT WAS VERY SAD A  
5   WEEK AGO WHEN ONE OF THE GREAT EDUCATORS OF OUR STATE AND  
6   NATION, DR. THOMAS EDWARD DILLON WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A  
7   TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN IRELAND, WHERE HE AND HIS WIFE WERE  
8   ATTENDING A CONFERENCE RELATIVE TO EDUCATIONAL ISSUES. IN  
9   1972, HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE THOMAS AQUINAS TEACHING FACULTY  
10   AND HE SERVED AS THE ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS UNTIL  
11   1981. THEN HE SERVED AS THE ACADEMIC DEAN UNTIL HE WAS  
12   APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT IN 1991. HE SUCCEEDED DR. RON  
13   MACARTHUR, WHO HAD BEEN THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE.  
14   HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA,  
15   CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION'S DEFENSE OF THE FAITH  
16   COMMITTEE, AND QUITE INVOLVED IN RAISING OVER \$100 MILLION FOR  
17   THE THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE TOP SMALL  
18   COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES. IT NOW ORIGINALLY WAS IN THE  
19   SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND THEN MOVED TO OJAI IN VENTURA COUNTY.  
20   IT'S A GREAT BOOK SCHOOL. TRAGEDY WAS ONE OF HIS BIG AMBITIONS  
21   WAS TO BUILD A NEW CHAPEL AT THE UNIVERSITY, WHICH WAS  
22   COMPLETED AND THEY HAD POPE BENEDICT II DID PRAYERS OVER THE  
23   CORNERSTONE IN ROME A FEW MONTHS AGO AND IT WAS DEDICATED LAST  
24   MONTH. IT WAS A VERY ELABORATE, BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL AND DEDICATED  
25   TO ST. MARY. BUT WHAT'S AMAZING AND IRONIC, THEY HAD \$5



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1 MILLION LEFT TO PAY FOR THAT CHAPEL. AND THE INSURANCE POLICY  
2 THAT THE COLLEGE HAD ON HIS LIFE WAS FOR \$5 MILLION. SO THE  
3 TRAGIC ACCIDENT ENDED UP WHERE THEY COMPLETED THE CHAPEL. BUT  
4 HE WAS A GREAT EDUCATOR, GREAT LEADER. ANOTHER OUTSTANDING  
5 LEADER IN ALTADENA THAT WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH MY EFFORTS AND  
6 SERVED AS ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS FOR MANY YEARS PASSED AWAY.  
7 AND THAT WAS MARCUS LEWIS. MARCUS LEWIS WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER.  
8 HE SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SHERIFF SUPPORT GROUP OF  
9 ALTADENA, HE WAS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL,  
10 SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
11 HE WAS PAST ALTADENA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, HE WAS INVOLVED WITH  
12 THE N.A.A.C.P., AND HE PASSED AWAY. AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE,  
13 DELORES. ALSO THELMA ANDERSON, WHO WAS AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN BURBANK FOR MANY YEARS  
15 AND BECAME SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF  
16 GLENDALE, WHERE SHE SERVED IN BOTH THE DETECTIVE AND JUVENILE  
17 BUREAUS AND MADE IT HER CAREER AS THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICES  
18 OF CHIEF CARL EGGS PASSED AWAY. HANNAH CARTER, WHO WAS ON THE  
19 UNITED STATES NATION SKI HALL OF FAME. SHE WAS INDUCTED IN  
20 1997. SHE PARTICIPATED AS A DELEGATE TO THE 1984 OLYMPICS IN  
21 LOS ANGELES AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN PHILANTHROPIC AND OTHER  
22 ACTIVITIES IN OUR COUNTY. ANNETTE HADDAD. SHE WAS A RESIDENT  
23 OF PASADENA. SHE COVERED THE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET  
24 FOR THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES." WAS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY  
25 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY. AND SHE WAS THE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTER  
2 FOR THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" BUSINESS SECTION. CHARLES WILLIAM  
3 BLESSING SR., WHO MANAGED A RANCH IN LANCASTER AND ALSO WAS  
4 INVOLVED WITH BUILDERS EMPORIUM AND THE FORREST HOME CENTER  
5 RETAIL STORES, WAS AN ACTIVE AMATEUR HAM RADIO ENTHUSIAST AND  
6 INVOLVED WITH THE SCOUTS, THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND  
7 MEMBER OF THE SHELTON METHODIST CHURCH. ROBERT GARCIA, MEMBER  
8 OF THE LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE SERVED FOR  
9 OVER 17 YEARS. IN 1998 HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF  
10 DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER 2 AND PARTICIPATED IN MANY OF THE  
11 PROGRAMS WITH CAMP COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAMS, CENTRALIZED  
12 GANG SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY DETENTION PROGRAM AT CENTRAL  
13 JUVENILE HALL. LAURIE HAWKINS. SHE WORKED FOR 32 YEARS FOR THE  
14 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. AND SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 55 AND  
15 SHE WAS A CURRENT EMPLOYEE WITH THE COUNTY. SHE BEGAN HER  
16 CAREER AT U.S. STEEL BEFORE SHE WAS HIRED BY THE L.A. COUNTY  
17 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. AND FROM A CLERK POSITION, SHE ROSE TO THE  
18 CHIEF OF OWNERSHIP DIVISION WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. JAMES WESLEY  
19 HUGUELY WAS A THEATER OWNER, ACTOR, DIRECTOR, PLAYWRIGHT,  
20 SINGER, PRODUCER, AND TELEVISION SHOW WRITER. SOME OF HIS  
21 PERFORMANCE SHOWS INCLUDED "MAGNUM P.I.," "MCGUIRE," AND  
22 "QUANTUM LEAP." ROY KUNISAWA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. AND  
23 HE LEAVES HIS SON AND DAUGHTER, HENRY AND MAUREEN. GWYNE  
24 WILLIAM "BILL" LINE. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. HE WAS A  
25 GRADUATE OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS



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1 BACHELOR AND MASTERS' DEGREE. AND HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE AT  
2 LOCKHEED. DR. HASSAN HATHOUT, WHO WAS A CARDIOLOGIST PHYSICIAN  
3 AND ALSO ACTIVE IN INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
4 ANGELES. SUSAN HARNLY PETERSON, A PROFESSOR AT U.S. C. FOR 23  
5 YEARS AND WAS WORKING ON HER FIFTH EDITION OF THE "CRAFT OF  
6 ART AND CLAY" SERIES. AND SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN WRITING ON  
7 CERAMIC HISTORY AND EDUCATIONAL WORLDWIDE ISSUES. RICHARD  
8 ROAST, LONG-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
9 WORKS, ORIGINALLY WAS ASSISTANT DIVISION HEAD OF THE DESIGN  
10 DIVISION, BUT WAS PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF DISTRICT 5  
11 ENGINEER FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE. PEDRO SANCHEZ, WHO WAS AN  
12 EXECUTIVE MANAGER AT THE UNITED AIRLINES IN SOUTHERN  
13 CALIFORNIA. ELINOR "IRENE" STEGMAN, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
14 SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE  
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. ROY ROGER YOCKEY, RETIRED  
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF. ROBERT CORRALES, WHO WAS A FORMER  
17 MARSHAL AND THEN BECAME DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 23RD. AND  
19 WILLIAM DANIEL BARBUS, WHO WAS A GRADUATE OF LOS ANGELES  
20 POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE AND WAS A  
21 BUSINESSMAN IN PASADENA. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I'D LIKE TO READ IN THAT WE COULD DIRECT  
2   THE C.E.O. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
3   SERVICES, TO RE-EVALUATE THE CURRENT SCOPE OF ELECTIVE AND/OR  
4   NON-CHRONIC DISEASE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED TO ALL PATIENTS  
5   WITH A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON ANY POTENTIAL CHANGES IN  
6   SERVICES ASSOCIATED, SAVINGS THAT COULD BE REALIZED. THAT'S  
7   FOR A REPORT BACK.

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9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. REPORT BACK.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DID 27?

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13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, WE DID.

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15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET ME -- CAN I ASK SUPERVISOR  
18   MOLINA FIRST IF SHE HAS -- SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
19   ADJOURNING MOTIONS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY --

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE THAT JUST CAME TO OUR ATTENTION, MR.  
22   CHAIRMAN. BOB OATES, THE LONGTIME SPORTS WRITER FOR THE "LOS  
23   ANGELES TIMES" AND "HERALD EXAMINER" PASSED AWAY WITHIN THE  
24   LAST 24 HOURS AT THE AGE OF 93.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. BOB SERVED IN THE ORIGINAL HALL  
4    OF FOOTBALL FAME SELECTION PANEL, BEGAN COVERING FOOTBALL IN  
5    LOS ANGELES IN 1939. WHEN THE CLEVELAND RAMS MOVED TO LOS  
6    ANGELES IN THE EARLY '50S, HE COVERED THE NFL FOR THE REST OF  
7    HIS CAREER. HE SWITCHED TO THE "HERALD EXAMINER" AND THEN TO  
8    THE L.A. TIMES IN 1968, RETIRING FROM FULL-TIME REPORTING IN  
9    1995. HE COVERED 39 CONSECUTIVE SUPER BOWLS, BEGINNING WITH  
10   THE FIRST ONE IN 1967 AND CONTINUING UNTIL 2006, WHEN HE  
11   STAYED AT HOME TO CARE FOR HIS WIFE OF 64 YEARS, MARNIE, WHO  
12   PASSED AWAY A SHORT TIME LATER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON,  
13   BOB, JR.; TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO BROTHERS; AND ANOTHER SON,  
14   STEVE, WHO PREDECEASED HIM IN 2003, NOT SURVIVED BY STEVE. ALL  
15   MEMBERS. LAST, MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T THINK WE'VE ADJOURNED IN  
16   MEMORY OF ERICA SCORANO. I NOTICED IN THE NEWSPAPER OVER THE  
17   WEEKEND THAT SHE HAD PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS MURDERED, ACTUALLY,  
18   BY SOMEONE. ERICA SCORANO, SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE 1980S,  
19   LATE '70S, EARLY '80S IN HOLLYWOOD. SHE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST  
20   PEOPLE WHO REALLY TRIED TO AGITATE ON BEHALF OF TURNING  
21   HOLLYWOOD AROUND AS A RESIDENT, FOUGHT STREET PROSTITUTION ON  
22   SUNSET BOULEVARD INCESSANTLY. AND SHE WAS TRAGICALLY MURDERED.  
23   I THINK THEY HAVE THE SUSPECT BUT I'M NOT GOING TO SAY IT  
24   BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. BUT I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
25   HER MEMORY. ERICA SCORANO.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, I DO  
3 HAVE ONE READ-IN MOTION. THIS IS IN REGARDS TO S.B. 282,  
4 SENATOR WRIGHT. IT'S ABOUT GANG INJUNCTIONS. BASICALLY IT  
5 WOULD LIMIT THE DURATION OF GANG INJUNCTIONS TO FIVE YEARS.  
6 SUCH A TIME LIMITATION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE THE  
7 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STRATEGY AS GANG INJUNCTIONS ARE A LARGE-  
8 SCALE EFFORT THAT OFTEN TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO DEVELOP,  
9 OBTAIN AND IMPLEMENT. IN ADDITION, THE IMPACT OF GANG  
10 INJUNCTIONS CAN BE IMMEDIATE. IT CAN TAKE THREE YEARS OR MORE  
11 FOR A LONG-TERM RESULTS TO TAKE ROOT. BY IMPOSING A FIVE-YEAR  
12 LIMIT ON TERM ON GANG INJUNCTIONS, S.B. 282 REDUCES BOTH THE  
13 EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GANG ABATEMENT EFFORTS, AND IN  
14 SO DOING, COMPROMISES PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS WAS BROUGHT TO MY  
15 ATTENTION BY THE C.C.J.C.C. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS OPPOSE S.B. 282 UNLESS AMENDED TO DELETE THE  
17 LANGUAGE INSTITUTING A TIME LIMIT ON INJUNCTIONS.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE VOTE ON THAT TODAY OR DOES THAT  
22 HAVE TO COME BACK ON THE AGENDA? IT'S NOT A REPORT BACK, IT'S  
23 TAKING A POSITION.

24

25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK IT HAS TO COME BACK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT WILL COME BACK, THEN. IT WILL  
3 HAVE TO COME BACK ON MAY 12TH BECAUSE WE'LL BE IN D.C. NEXT  
4 WEEK. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT. ALL RIGHT. I WILL DO MY  
5 BEST TO READ THESE NAMES. FIRST OF ALL, MIMI KEBEBDE. NILA  
6 NEUKUM. MYRA TORRES. AND HELEN JONES WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR.

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8 **NILA NEUKUM:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD. IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND PROCEED.  
11 WHOEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST GO FIRST.

12

13 **NILA NEUKUM:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NILA NEUKUM. I'M  
14 A MEMBER OF I.A.T.S.E. LOCAL 871, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING  
15 THE FAMILIES OF THE MOTION PICTURE TELEVISION FUND. IN  
16 PARTICULAR, MY FATHER, JOHN NEUKUM, DIRECTOR'S GUILD OF  
17 AMERICA. AND CURRENTLY HE IS A RESIDENT AT HARRY'S HAVEN WHICH  
18 IS FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S UNIT. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE AWARE  
19 THAT THE MOTION PICTURE TELEVISION FUND IS CLOSING THEIR LONG-  
20 TERM CARE FACILITY. WE ARE HERE TO ASK, BEG, PLEAD, WHATEVER  
21 WE NEED TO DO, THAT WE ASK THEM TO RECONSIDER THIS, THEIR  
22 POSITION OF CLOSING. AS FAMILY MEMBERS, WE WERE NOT GIVE ANY  
23 WARNING THAT THERE WAS A FINANCIAL PROBLEM WITH THE MOTION  
24 PICTURE TELEVISION FUND. AND WE OF THE INDUSTRY CERTAINLY  
25 WOULD HAVE GONE AND DONE FUNDRAISERS TO SAVE THIS FACILITY.



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1 ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IT IS NOT JUST A SMALL CLOSING OF ONE  
2 FACILITY, THAT IT WILL AFFECT THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY'S FUTURE  
3 BECAUSE THERE IS NO LONGER A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO GO. AND IF  
4 THERE IS, GOD FORBID, YOU'RE OLD AND YOU FALL, YOU ARE NO  
5 LONGER A RESIDENT AT THE MOTION PICTURE TELEVISION FUND, THEY  
6 WILL SHIP YOU OUT BECAUSE IT IS NO LONGER CONVENIENT OR  
7 FINANCIALLY FISCAL. AND THESE ARE THE WONDERFUL CARETAKERS OF  
8 THE RESIDENTS IN MOTION PICTURE FUND THAT WE CONTINUE THIS  
9 FIGHT AND WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE REVIEW WHAT THEIR MOTIVE IS IN  
10 CHANGING THE SYSTEM AND RENEGING ON THEIR PROMISE TO TAKE CARE  
11 OF THEIR OWN. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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15 **NILA NEUKUM:** AND WE REALLY BEG YOU. I CAN SAY PERSONALLY THAT  
16 I'VE SPOKEN TO THE DOCTORS. IT IS AN AWFUL POSITION FOR A  
17 DAUGHTER TO BE IN, THAT THEY PRAY THAT THEIR FATHER DIES SO  
18 THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SHIPPED OUT. SO THAT'S WHERE IT'S  
19 AT. IN FACT I WOULD PREFER THAT THAN HIM BEING SHIPPED OFF.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES?

22

23 **MIMI KEBEBDE:** HI, MY NAME IS MIMI KEBEBDE, AND I'M A CAREGIVER  
24 AT THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION FUND HOSPITAL. WE'RE HERE  
25 IN THE SUPPORT OF THE FAMILIES AND THE RESIDENTS AND OUR



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1 COWORKERS, 300 OF WHOM WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS UNNECESSARILY  
2 BECAUSE WE WERE NEVER TOLD THAT THE FUND WAS IN TROUBLE. AND  
3 MOST OF OUR WORKERS LIVE, AT THE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S  
4 DISTRICT. AND WE'RE LOSING 300 JOBS UNNECESSARILY BECAUSE  
5 WE'RE WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICE AND TAKE A PAY CUT, BUT NONE  
6 OF THEM WERE WROTE UP TO US AND TO OUR UNION. WE ARE JUST HERE  
7 THE TELL YOU AND TO ASK YOU PLEASE RECONSIDER THE APPROVAL OR  
8 THE CLOSING AND THE RELOCATION OF OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE NOT CLOSING ANYTHING. SO IT'S NOT  
11 -- YES.

12

13 **MYRA TORRES:** HI. MY NAME IS MYRA TORRES, I'M AN EMPLOYEE OF  
14 THE MOTION PICTURE AND TV FUND AND A MEMBER OF THE U.H.W.  
15 S.E.I.U., AND CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. I'D LIKE  
16 TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT FOR HEALTH  
17 CARE WORKERS AND FOR LISTENING TO US TODAY. I REALLY  
18 APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTIVENESS HERE. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG DAY,  
19 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SINCERITY AND  
20 PAYING ATTENTION TO US. THE MOTION PICTURE AND TV FUND HAS  
21 BEEN AROUND FOR 86 YEARS, ALMOST 88 YEARS, SOMEWHERE AROUND  
22 THERE. MOST OF THE UNION MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY,  
23 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, HAVE DONATED MONEY ALL THEIR LIVES FOR  
24 PEOPLE TO LIVE HERE. THIS WAS CREATED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE  
25 FUND NEVER EXPLAINED TO ANYBODY OR TOLD ANYBODY THAT THEY HAD



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1 PLANS TO CLOSE THE FACILITY, OR THAT WE WERE LOSING \$10  
2 MILLION. THEY HAVE DENIED ALL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. THEY HAVE  
3 DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT ANYTHING. THEY HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH THE  
4 PROPOSAL FOR RELOCATION. THEY NEVER BROUGHT IN ANYBODY THAT  
5 WAS A HEALTHCARE EXPERT FOR THE CONDITION OF THESE RESIDENTS  
6 TO TALK ABOUT TRANSFER TRAUMA. NO ONE ON THE BOARD IS  
7 MEDICALLY EXPERIENCED TO TURN AROUND AND DO THAT. THEY JUST  
8 SORT OF WHAMMED IT ON PEOPLE. AND ANY DONATION EFFORTS, \$25  
9 MILLION WAS OFFERED TO START A FUNDRAISING EFFORT BY JOHN  
10 SCHNEIDER. YOU CAN VERIFY THAT IF YOU GO ONTO THE WEBSITE  
11 SAVING THE LIVES OF OUR OWN.ORG, YOU'LL GET A LOT OF  
12 INFORMATION. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE SOME NEWS REELS OF OUR  
13 C.E.O., DAVID TILLMAN, WHO SELLS THEY'RE NOT ACCEPTING BAILOUT  
14 MONEY. THEY ARE NOT A CORPORATION. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
15 HUMAN LIVES. AND AT THE SACRIFICE OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
16 ALREADY DONATED THEIR HOMES, THEIR MONEY, ALL OF THAT STUFF,  
17 THEY SAID THIS WAS A FOUR-YEAR RESEARCH THAT THEY HAD ALREADY  
18 DECIDED TO DO THIS. BUT NOT ONCE DID THEY TALK ABOUT IT TO  
19 ANYBODY ELSE. THEY CONTINUED TO ACCEPT RESIDENTS EVEN AS SHORT  
20 AS A YEAR AGO TO LIVE THERE WHEN THEY SOLD THEIR HOMES, THEY  
21 LIQUIDATED ALL THEIR ASSETS. SO THEY TOOK THAT. THEY SPENT  
22 THAT. AND NOW THEY WANT TO EVICT THEM. WE'VE HAD 16 DEATHS  
23 THAT THEY CAN SAY IT'S NOT RELATED. THEY SAY THEY WERE GOING  
24 TO DIE, ANYWAY. THAT'S NOT TRUE. THEY COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER  
25 EFFORT. SO WE'RE HERE TO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE ASK THE BOARD TO



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1 RECONSIDER IT. AND RECONSIDER THE RELOCATION PLAN. IT IS NOT  
2 FEASIBLE. IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. THEY CAN'T FOLLOW 150  
3 RESIDENTS. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. IT'S NOT REALISTIC.  
4 SO WE'RE ASKING THAT THE RELOCATION PLAN BE RECONSIDERED.  
5 WE'RE ASKING THAT THERE BE A STAY, A HOLD. THEY'VE NOT GIVEN  
6 ONE NOTICE TO A RESIDENT. SO THEY'VE NOT FOLLOWED ANY OF THAT  
7 STUFF. THEY'VE JUST PLAYED PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. WE'VE HAD TO  
8 ASK FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO STEP OUT OF THE ROOMS OF THESE  
9 RESIDENTS, WHO ARE FRAGILE, AND TO TELL THEM TO STOP ASKING  
10 THEM WHEN THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE, AND ONLY CONTACT THE  
11 FAMILIES. WE HAVE A LOT OF MEMBERS THAT ARE WARDS OF THE  
12 STATE. THEY DON'T HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS. SO WE'RE ASKING THAT  
13 YOU PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR AUTHORIZATION FOR THEIR RELOCATION.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION, MR. CHAIRMAN? WHO'S  
16 FAMILIAR WITH THIS FROM OUR STAFF? MR. FREEDMAN? DID THE BOARD  
17 APPROVE THIS?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOTION PICTURES?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PLEASE DON'T ANSWER THE QUESTION I'M ASKING  
22 TO OTHER PEOPLE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU CAN STEP ASIDE. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. FREEDMAN, IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH  
2   DEPARTMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING THESE IS IT  
3   RELOCATION PLANS IS WHAT TECHNICALLY THEY'RE--

4

5   **JOHN FREEDMAN:** THIS IS JOHN FREEDMAN, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.  
6   I'M HERE WITH DR. LAWSON, WHO HEADS OUR HEALTH FACILITIES  
7   INSPECTION DIVISION THAT WE RUN ON BEHALF OF THE STATE. THIS  
8   IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION UNDER STATE LAW.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS IT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD?

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12   **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** IT'S SUBMITTED FOR ACTION.

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE BOARD CAN'T RESCIND IT. THE BOARD  
15   DIDN'T APPROVE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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17   **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** IT'S AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION THAT THE  
18   DEPARTMENT DOES THAT--

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DELEGATED TO YOUR DEPARTMENT.

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22   **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES PURSUANT TO STATE  
23   AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF STATE.



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2 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANY DISCRETION? DOES YOUR  
5 DEPARTMENT -- WHAT IS THE DISCRETION, IF ANY, THAT YOU HAVE IN  
6 APPROVING THESE PLANS?

7

8 **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** MY UNDERSTANDING, AND DR. LAWSON CAN  
9 ELABORATE, THAT WE HAVE TO MEET STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
10 CURRENT OPERATOR TO PRODUCE A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE EXISTING  
11 PATIENTS. AND THAT TRANSITION PLAN NEEDS TO MEET CERTAIN  
12 MINIMAL STANDARDS. AND WE REVIEW THAT. WE CERTAINLY WOULD  
13 INVESTIGATE ANY SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT PATIENTS OR ANY  
14 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES THAT ARE OCCURRING IN THE FACILITY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD, DOCTOR?

17

18 **DR. LAWSON:** YES, WE DID RECEIVE THE PLAN. AND IT DID MEET THE  
19 REQUIREMENTS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AS TO THE MINIMUM  
20 CONTENT. AND SO WE WERE REQUIRED TO APPROVE THAT PLAN AND DID  
21 AT THE SAME TIME FORWARD IT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 OMBUDSMAN, THE OFFICE OF AGING. AND THE OWNER OF THE LICENSEE  
23 OF THE FACILITY HAS PUT INTO WRITING THEIR PLAN, WHICH THEY  
24 STILL HAVE TIME TO EXECUTE.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT DECISION BY YOU APPEALABLE BY  
2   ANYBODY TO ANYBODY? CAN ANYONE APPEAL THAT FINDING THAT THEY  
3   MET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS?

4

5   **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** APPEALABLE BY A THIRD-PARTY?

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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9   **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** I BELIEVE SO BUT WE CAN CONFIRM THAT.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T BELIEVE SO?

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13   **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** I DO NOT BELIEVE SO BUT WE COULD CONFIRM  
14   THAT.

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU CONFIRM THAT AND LET US KNOW? MAKE  
17   SURE YOU LET ME KNOW DIRECTLY.

18

19   **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** MEANING THE PATIENT RIGHTS ADVOCATE OR ANY  
20   OTHER THIRD PARTY?

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPPOSE THEY LOOKED AT YOUR FINDINGS AND  
23   THEY DETERMINED THAT YOU WERE ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH AND THAT  
24   YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE -- THAT IT REALLY DIDN'T MEET MINIMAL  
25   STANDARDS. IT COULD BE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. I WONDER IF



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1   THERE WAS A WAY THAT THEY COULD APPEAL IT. I KNOW THAT IT  
2   DIDN'T COME TO US. I'VE BEEN GETTING THE CORRESPONDENCE AS I  
3   THINK ALL OF US HAVE FROM THE UNION. LET ME JUST SAY I THINK  
4   THIS IS A TRAGIC CLOSURE, THIS THING, THE MOTION PICTURE AND  
5   TELEVISION FACILITY IN WOODLAND HILLS. IT IS OUTRAGEOUS. AND I  
6   KNOW THEY'RE UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE. EVERYBODY IS UNDER A LOT  
7   OF PRESSURE. IT IS ALSO NOT THE FIRST HOSPITAL TO CLOSE OR  
8   FACILITY OF THIS KIND TO CLOSE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY OR  
9   IN THE COUNTY. AND I'VE TRIED TO INSERT MYSELF A LITTLE BIT  
10  INTO THIS TO NO AVAIL. IT'S BEEN VERY UNSATISFACTORY, TO SAY  
11  THE LEAST. IT DOESN'T SPEAK WELL, IN MY OPINION, FOR THE  
12  INDUSTRY TO TURN ITS BACK. [APPLAUSE.] TO TURN ITS BACK ON ITS  
13  OWN WHEN THEY MOST NEED THEM. IT'S NOT THE WAY WE LIKE TO DO  
14  BUSINESS. THEY WOULDN'T MEET OUR CORE MISSION STATEMENT HERE.  
15  ANYWAY, IF YOU COULD GET BACK TO ME ON THAT.

16

17  **JONATHAN FREEDMAN:** WE WILL CERTAINLY GET BACK TO YOU ABOUT  
18  WHETHER OUR DECISION IS APPEALABLE BY ANY THIRD-PARTY OR ANY  
19  OTHER PARTY, AS WELL AS I WANT TO REITERATE, IF THERE'S ANY  
20  SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS, PATIENT-LEVEL COMPLAINTS, WE WANT TO KNOW  
21  THOSE SO THEY CAN BE INVESTIGATED.

22

23  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I HOPE THE UNION MEMBERS HEARD  
24  THAT, AS WELL. MAYBE YOU CAN JUST INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THEM  
25  BEFORE YOU LEAVE, JOHN, SO THAT THEY KNOW WHO YOU ARE. DOCTOR,



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1    THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'LL GET THAT REPORT. AND  
2    IF THERE'S ANY VEHICLE FOR THEM TO APPEAL THIS, I'M AFRAID MY  
3    GUT TELLS ME IT'S NOT POSSIBLE. MY GUT TELLS ME IT'S ALSO LATE  
4    IN THE PROCESS. BUT IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE,  
5    WE'LL COMMUNICATE IT TO THE REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE IN THE  
6    AUDIENCE.

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8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I'D ASK  
9    HELEN JONES TO JOIN US. JELANI JONES, QUINTON JACKSON, AND I  
10   THINK IT'S LA POSHA HORTON? I THINK THAT'S A B. IF IT'S NOT, I  
11   APOLOGIZE. GO AHEAD AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND  
12   PROCEED.

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14   **HELEN JONES:** HELEN JONES.

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16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, HELEN, GO AHEAD.

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18   **HELEN JONES:** OKAY. THIS IS MY SON, JOHN HORTON, THAT WAS  
19   ACCUSED OF HANGING HIMSELF IN THE MEN'S COUNTY JAIL LAST MONTH  
20   ON THE 30TH. THEY CAME TO MY DAUGHTER'S RESIDENCE TO TELL ME  
21   MY SON HUNG HIMSELF. BUT THEY DIDN'T SAY THAT MY SON HAS SCARS  
22   IN HIS HEAD. HE HAS MEAT SHOWING TO WHERE HANDCUFFS WAS ON HIS  
23   WRIST TO WHERE IT WAS ATE DOWN TO THE MEAT. THEY DIDN'T  
24   MENTION NONE OF THAT. AND THEN THE BRUISE THAT IS ON MY SON'S  
25   HEAD. YOU COULD SEE IT CLEAR AS DAY WHERE HE HAD BEEN HIT WITH



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1 A BILLY CLUB OR A FLASHLIGHT. THE LINE IS RIGHT HERE. YOU  
2 COULD SEE IT CLEAR AS DAY. I CAN SHOW YOU PROOF WHERE HE GO TO  
3 MEAT TO WHERE ON HIS WRIST. AND I'M JUST TRYING TO SEE HOW  
4 DOES SOMEBODY HANG THEMSELF AFTER NOT GETTING MEDICAL  
5 TREATMENT FOR HIS MEAT CUT DOWN FROM HANDCUFFS. AND THEN HE GO  
6 TO MATCH UP CLEAR AS DAY TO BILLY CLUB PRINTS, BECAUSE THERE'S  
7 FOUR OR FIVE LINES ON MY BABY'S HEAD. THAT WAS MY ONLY SON. IT  
8 MATCH UP EVEN TO POLICE FLASHLIGHTS. THESE LINES RIGHT HERE IS  
9 RIGHT ON MY BABY'S HEAD RIGHT HERE. AND I'M JUST TRYING TO  
10 FIGURE OUT HOW DID MY SON HANG HIS SELF AFTER TAKING A BLOW  
11 LIKE THIS TO HIS HEAD WITHOUT RECEIVING MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM  
12 ANYBODY. BECAUSE I KNOW HE DIDN'T GET NO MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
13 BECAUSE IF HE WOULD HAVE HAD MEDICAL ATTENTION, HE WOULDN'T  
14 HAVE HAD TO BE IN THE HOLE. MY SON LEFT HOME FROM THE  
15 AMBULANCE THAT TOOK HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS MENTALLY IMPAIRED THAT  
16 DAY. AND WHEN HE GOT TOOK TO THE HOSPITAL, I WENT UP THERE  
17 THEY TOOK HIM IN CUSTODY AND TOLD ME THAT I COULDN'T SEE HIM.  
18 I WENT TO THE COUNTY JAIL ON THE FIRST VISITING DATE. I GOT IN  
19 ON THAT FIRST DATE, AND WHEN I LEFT OUT OF THERE, I WENT TO  
20 CALL THE HEAD DOCTOR AND THE WATCH COMMANDER. AND THEY TOLD ME  
21 THAT THEY WOULD BRING HIM IN AND HAVE HIM EVALUATED. THE NEXT  
22 DAY I TRIED TO GO SEE ABOUT MY SON. I WAS DENIED VISIT FROM  
23 THAT DAY FORWARD. I HAVEN'T SEEN MY SON SINCE HE WAS THERE. I  
24 NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM. HE NEVER EVEN GOT A CHANCE  
25 TO MAKE A PHONE CALL HOME TO ME. I NEVER SEEN MY SON OR TALKED



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1 TO MY SON BEFORE HE DIED. SO THAT'S REALLY JUST GOT ME MESSED  
2 ALL THE WAY UP, THAT I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO EVER TALK TO MY  
3 BABY AGAIN BECAUSE I WASN'T ALLOWED A CHANCE TO VISIT HIM. AND  
4 THEN THIS IS THE NOOSE THAT CAME WITH MY BABY BODY TO THE  
5 MORTUARY. THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE HIS CLOTHES. THIS IS WHAT WAS  
6 AROUND HIS NECK. AND THIS IS NOT THE PRINT THAT'S AROUND MY  
7 BABY NECK. MY BABY HAVE A MARK AROUND HIS NECK THIS THIN. SO  
8 HOW CAN HE HANG HIS SELF WITH THIS? THIS CAME TO ME AND MY  
9 FAMILY. AND I'M JUST TRYING TO HOW DID THIS GET OUT OF  
10 EVIDENCE AND OUT OF CUSTODY TO THE MORTUARY AS HIS CLOTHES?  
11 THAT'S WHAT I JUST REALLY DON'T WANT EVERYBODY TO TURN A BLIND  
12 EAR BECAUSE HE WAS INCARCERATED OR HE'S AN INMATE BECAUSE  
13 THAT'S WHAT'S BEING DONE. MY SON'S BEING OVERLOOKED. THAT'S  
14 WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME. AND I JUST WANT SOME TYPE OF ANSWER  
15 AND HELP FOR MY BABY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I ASSUME THERE'S OTHER  
18 TESTIMONY WITH REGARDS TO IT, WHAT WE'LL DO IS MAKE SURE WE  
19 GET YOUR INFORMATION EITHER TO THE OMBUDSMAN OR THE INSPECTOR  
20 GENERAL.

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22 **EDDIE JONES:** DID YOU CALL EDDIE JONES?

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, I DID.

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1 **EDDIE JONES:** OKAY. MY NAME IS EDDIE JONES, PRESIDENT OF THE  
2 LOS ANGELES CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE WITH MISS HELEN  
3 JONES. I'LL MAKE SURE THAT Y'ALL GET A BUSINESS CARD. I WANT  
4 EVERYONE, AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS. I ALSO WANT YOU TO HAVE A COPY OF THIS EXTREMELY  
6 COMPELLING LETTER FROM THE A.C.L.U. AND I'M QUITE SURE YOU'RE  
7 FAMILIAR WITH THEM. THIS LETTER CAME FROM AN INMATE THAT WAS  
8 NEXT DOOR TO JOHN THOMAS HORTON III, HER SON, WHO LOST HIS  
9 LIFE. THAT LETTER HAS INFORMATION THAT THERE WAS NEGLECT AND  
10 MISTREATMENT OF A MAN WHO HAD A MENTAL PROBLEM WHO SHOULD NOT  
11 HAVE EVER BEEN IN THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IT'S UNFORTUNATE  
12 THAT REAGAN SHUT DOWN THE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. IT'S  
13 UNFORTUNATE THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FACILITIES TO FACILITATE  
14 PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AREA. THIS IS MENTAL  
15 HEALTH MONTH. FOR 30 DAYS SHE COULD NOT SEE HER SON. ON HIS  
16 BIRTHDAY, ON MARCH THE 22ND, I MEAN ON MARCH 20TH WHEN HE  
17 TURNED 22 YEARS OLD, SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE HER SON. THE ONLY  
18 TIME -- AND HE DIED AT 6 IN THE MORNING. BUT THEY DIDN'T COME  
19 TO THE HOUSE UNTIL 7 THAT EVENING. INSTEAD OF CALLING HER UP  
20 AND SAYING "COME AND IDENTIFY YOUR SON," THEY HAVE A PLACE  
21 WHERE THEY HOLD THE BODIES AT THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THEY DO  
22 NOT DO THAT. THEY CAME TO HER HOUSE AT 7 IN THE EVENING AND  
23 SAID "YOUR SON IS DEAD." UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO ANALYZE AND  
24 EVALUATE. WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM IN THE  
25 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SYSTEM? WHY IS THERE NEGLECT? WHY ARE HUMAN



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1 BEINGS WHO HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT, A HUMAN RIGHT AND  
2 CIVIL RIGHT DYING IN THE JAIL? WHY ARE THEY BEING BEAT? WHY  
3 ARE THEY NOT GETTING THEIR MEALS ON TIME? WHY ARE THEY NOT  
4 GETTING THEIR MEDS ON TIME? WHY ARE THE SHERIFFS THAT ARE IN  
5 THERE NOT CHECKING ON THE INMATES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T  
6 HURT THEMSELVES? THAT IS MANDATORILY THE JOB OF EVERY OFFICER  
7 BEHIND THAT WALL. EVERY WATCH COMMANDER ON DUTY, ALL THE WAY  
8 DOWN TO THE PRIVATE, YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE SURE THAT HUMAN LIFE  
9 IS PRESERVED. JAIL IS FOR REHABILITATION, REJUVENATION AND  
10 REVITALIZATION OF YOUR LIFE, NOT TO LOSE YOUR LIFE. THIS  
11 MOTHER WILL NEVER SEE HER SON AGAIN. HOW MANY PEOPLE IN HERE  
12 HAVE CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE WALL AND YOU WERE ABLE  
13 TO SEE THEM? SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE HER SON. PLEASE, DON'T  
14 LET THIS FALL ON DEAF EARS. DO NOT GO TO SLEEP TONIGHT WITHOUT  
15 THINKING ABOUT THESE HORRIFIC PICTURES THAT YOU SAW OF HER SON  
16 THAT WILL NEVER SEE ANOTHER CHRISTMAS, THANKSGIVING, EASTER OR  
17 NOT EVEN JUST A BASIC CONVERSATION WITH HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.  
18 FOREVER HE IS LOST. IT IS A VIOLATION OF HIS LIFE, HIS CIVIL  
19 RIGHTS, HIS HUMAN RIGHTS AND HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. I HOLD  
20 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE TO INVESTIGATE  
21 THIS TO THE FULLEST, ALL THE WAY TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU  
22 HAVE MY CARD. PLEASE ALLOW SOME ACTION.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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1   **HELEN JONES:** THANK YOU. JELANI JONES, QUINTON JACKSON. THANK  
2   YOU. GERALD SHIELDS.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE SAME TOPIC? COULD WE HAVE THIS  
5   VIDEOTAPE BE SUBMITTED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY  
6   DO THEIR INVESTIGATION?

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GIVE IT TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, TOO.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

11

12   **JELANI JONES:** MY NAME IS JELANI JONES. AND I'M JUST BASICALLY  
13   JUST TRYING TO TELL YOU GUYS ABOUT THE TREATMENT THAT WAS  
14   GOING ON INSIDE OF THE JAILS AS BY YOUR GUYS' SHERIFFS. ON  
15   SEPTEMBER 18TH, THE POLICE CAME TO MY HOUSE BECAUSE I WAS OUT  
16   ON PROBATION. BUT THEY HAD NO PROBABLE CAUSE TO COME TO MY  
17   HOUSE AT ALL. MY P.O. DIDN'T TELL THEM TO COME OR NOTHING.  
18   THEY RAIDED MY HOUSE ABOUT 9:00 IN THE MORNING, BROKE MY DOORS  
19   IN. I WAS IN THE BED SLEEP WITH MY ONE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AT  
20   THE TIME. THEY CAME IN WITH GUNS, TOOK MY LITTLE BROTHER OUT  
21   THE HOUSE THAT WAS 12. I WAS 34 WEEKS PREGNANT. I WAS DUE ANY  
22   DAY. AND MY DAD, THEY PUT MY DAD AND ME IN A CAR, GAVE MY  
23   DAUGHTER TO MY LITTLE BROTHER. AND HE WAS OUTSIDE, HE HAD ON  
24   UNDERWEAR, THAT WAS IT. AND HE WAS HOLDING MY DAUGHTER. AND  
25   WHILE ME AND MY DAD-- I HAD ON A T-SHIRT, NO BRA, AND MY



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1 UNDERWEAR, NO SOCKS, NO SHOES. I WAS ASLEEP IN THE BED. I WOKE  
2 UP TO GUNS IN MY FACE. THEY ASKED ME -- THEY TOOK ME INTO  
3 CUSTODY LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY AND 34 WEEKS PREGNANT.  
4 AND THEY DRAGGED ME INTO THE CAR. THEY GAVE ME, THE PEOPLE  
5 THAT RAIDED CALLED FOR OTHER OFFICERS TO ESCORT ME. THEY  
6 ESCORTED ME TO THE JAIL, TRIED TO BOOK ME. REALLY, I DON'T  
7 KNOW WHAT FOR. THEY TRIED TO BOOK ME. THEY SAID I'M 34 WEEKS  
8 PREGNANT. I GOT TO GET APPROVAL. THEY DROVE ME ALL THE WAY  
9 FROM LYNWOOD ALL THE WAY TO NORWALK TO A HOSPITAL OUT THERE IN  
10 MY SHIRT, MY PANTIES, NO SOCKS OR SHOES OR NOTHING. THEY  
11 DIDN'T PUT NO SEAT BELT ON ME. HANDCUFFED WITH MY HANDS BEHIND  
12 MY BACK DOING ABOUT 100 MILES ON THE FREEWAY WITH NO SIRENS OR  
13 NOTHING. I'M FLYING FROM SIDE TO SIDE IN THE BACK OF THE CAR  
14 AND IT'S ABOUT 100 DEGREES OUT THERE. I HAD NO SOCKS OR NO  
15 SHOES OR NOTHING. AND I GOT TO WALK ON THE FLOOR TO GET IN THE  
16 HOSPITAL. I CAN GET MY FEET CUT OR ANYTHING. AND AT THE TIME I  
17 WAS PREGNANT. THEY TOOK ME IN THERE STILL HAD ME HANDCUFFED. I  
18 WAS COMPLAINING FROM THE TIME THEY PICKED ME UP TO USE THE  
19 BATHROOM. I WAS TOLD TO SHUT UP AND JUST SIT THERE. AND I KEPT  
20 ON, WHEN I GOT TO THE HOSPITAL ASKING TO USE THE BATHROOM  
21 BECAUSE I WAS PREGNANT AT THE TIME I COULDN'T HOLD MY BLADDER.

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23 **SPEAKER:** NOW JUST IMAGINE, LADIES, BEING PREGNANT AND  
24 HANDCUFFED IN YOUR UNDERWEAR AND A T-SHIRT WITH NO BRA, HOW  
25 INHUMANE TO A HUMAN BEING TO MISTREAT THEM THAT WAY. EVEN IF



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1 YOU -- AND THEY DON'T READ YOU YOUR MIRANDA RIGHTS. THEY DON'T  
2 TELL YOU WHY YOU'RE ARRESTED. THEY JUST TELL YOU TO SHUT UP  
3 AND THEY PUT YOU IN THE BACK SEAT OF A CAR THAT'S 100 DEGREES  
4 INSIDE BECAUSE IT'S HOT. AND THEN THEY DRIVE YOU UP AND DOWN  
5 THE FREEWAY 100 MILES AN HOUR. AND YOU'RE PREGNANT? TELL ME, I  
6 JUST WANT TO KNOW. HOW COULD SHE HURT THOSE OFFICERS? THEY  
7 HAVE MACE, BATONS, PR 24S, STUN GUNS AND WEAPONS THAT HOLD UP  
8 AT LEAST 15 TO 16 ROUNDS. WHAT TYPE OF THREAT IS SHE,  
9 PREGNANT, 34 WEEKS WITH HANDCUFFS BEHIND HER BACK AND IN HER  
10 UNDERWEAR. COULD YOU IMAGE IF SOMEBODY MADE YOU GET IN THE  
11 BACK OF A POLICE CAR WITH YOUR UNDERWEAR ON AND NO BRA. IT'S  
12 INHUMAN. ITS UNFAIR. THEY ARE NO ANIMALS IN THIS ROOM. THEY  
13 ARE HUMAN BEINGS IN HERE. AGAIN WHO HAVE HUMAN, CONSTITUTIONAL  
14 AND CIVIL RIGHTS. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GERALD SHIELDS. ARNOLD SACHS?  
17 CAROL LUTNESS, I BELIEVE?

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19 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, I APPLIED FOR SECTION 8, 1981, I MEAN 2001.  
20 I REQUESTED A FAIR HEARING. THEY GIVE ME A PHONY HEARING SET  
21 UP BY PHONY PEOPLE JUST TO DO ME OUT OF MY CIVIL RIGHTS, MY  
22 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. THAT'S TOTAL VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C.  
23 SECTION 241. TO KEEP ME FROM EXERCISING MY RIGHTS TO EVEN  
24 APPLY FOR THESE BENEFITS. TO TOTALLY FILL THIS PAPER FULL OF  
25 LIES SAYING I ADMITTED TO THIS, I ADMITTED TO THAT, WHICH WAS



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1 NOT A FACT. I PRESENTED COURT DOCUMENTS THAT ABSOLUTELY SAY I  
2 PRESENTED CASE NO. B.A. -- WHERE'S THAT CASE NUMBER? ANYHOW, I  
3 HAVE PRESENTED THE CASE LISTED ON THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH I DID.  
4 THEY SAID IT WAS A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE. THEY SAID IT WAS A  
5 FELONY THAT I ADMITTED TO, WHICH IS TOTALLY UNTRUE. THIS IS  
6 THE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY. AND EVERY TIME I TRY AND APPLY  
7 TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE APPLICATION, WHAT DO THEY  
8 DO? THEY SEND ME AROUND ON ANOTHER FURTHER GOOSE CHASE. LAST  
9 WEEK I HAD TO GO DOWN TO LYNWOOD. THE NEAREST PUBLIC  
10 TRANSPORTATION STOP WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES AWAY. AND THIS  
11 THING, THESE THINGS AREN'T MADE --. YOU KNOW THERE'S NOT A  
12 CAR, THIS AIN'T TRANSPORTATION.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYONE HERE FROM C.D.C. THAT  
15 CAN TALK TO THIS GENTLEMAN TO ASSIST HIM? COULD WE GET SOMEONE  
16 TO HELP HIM AND CHECK OUT HIS CASE? WHERE DO YOU LIVE SIR?

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18 **SPEAKER:** I LIVE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD. I LEFT ALMOST A COMPLETE  
19 FILE IN THE BOARD OFFICE OF DOCUMENTS THEY COULD GO OVER TO  
20 TAKE A LOOK AT, BECAUSE THERE AIN'T NOTHING ON THIS THING  
21 THAT'S TRUE. AND THIS, ON PLAIN PAPER WHAT KIND OF JUDGE DO  
22 YOU HAVE PLAIN PAPER? I CAN LOOK UP CITATIONS. MINE'S TRUE.  
23 BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO ADMIT TO SOMETHING I WASN'T CONVICTED  
24 OF. COURT DOCUMENT DOESN'T SHOW.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SHIELDS, MR. BELMONT FROM SUPERVISOR  
2   YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE WILL VISIT WITH YOU. IF THERE'S ANYONE  
3   FROM C.D.C. AROUND HERE TOO, WE'D APPRECIATE YOU ASSISTING MR.  
4   BELLMAN. MR. SACHS THEN CAROL THEN WALTER BECKTEL.

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6   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS.  
7   I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS ACTUALLY FOUR THINGS. BACK TO THE BUDGET.  
8   WHEN MR. FUJIOKA MENTIONED HIS CUTTING POSITIONS THAT FUNDED  
9   BUT NOT FILLED, WHAT'S THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE POSITIONS THAT  
10   ARE FUNDED BUT NOT FILLED OF THE COUNTY WORKFORCE? WHAT WOULD  
11   THAT PERCENTAGE BE? WOULD IT BE LIKE 10 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY  
12   WORKFORCE? AN EXTRA 10 PERCENT, AN EXTRA 15 PERCENT, 1  
13   PERCENT, 2 PERCENT? SINCE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 100,000  
14   EMPLOYEES, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, HOW MUCH FUNDING IS TIED UP  
15   IN THAT? BECAUSE THERE ARE NO POSITIONS BEING ELIMINATED IN  
16   D.F.C. THAT ARE FUNDED. THEY NEED 1,000 PEOPLE. THE SHERIFF'S  
17   DEPARTMENT HAS A D.N.A. BACKLOG. SO EVIDENTLY THEY DON'T HAVE  
18   THE PERSONNEL. SO WHERE ARE THESE FUNDED POSITIONS?

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20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

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22   **ARNOLD SACHS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT HOW CAN YOU HAVE FUNDED  
23   POSITIONS TO ELIMINATE IN MAY? THEY WERE FUNDED IN 2008-2009  
24   BUDGET BUT NOT FILLED. THE BUDGET IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME,  
25   IT'S \$22 BILLION. AND YOU HAVE ANOTHER \$22 BILLION AND NOW





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1 YOU'RE GOING TO ELIMINATE THOSE POSITIONS. WERE THEY FUNDED IN  
2 2007 AND 2008?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AGAIN, WHERE DID THE MONEY GO? THEN THERE WAS AN  
7 ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFFS.  
8 THIS GENTLEMAN, GEORGE JARAMILLO, AND I'M JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW  
9 IF THE SHERIFF HAS AN AT-WILL AGREEMENT ALSO. AND THERE'S A  
10 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN APPOINTEES AND SWORN PERSONNEL WHERE HE  
11 SIGNED AN AT-WILL AGREEMENT BUT HE'S PROTECTED BY STATE LAW OR  
12 FEDERAL LAW. SO I WAS WONDERING IF L.A. WOULD HAVE ANY KIND OF  
13 PROBLEM WITH THAT. THEN I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT RECENTLY THERE  
14 WAS AN ALTERNATIVE STUDY FOR THE WEST SIDE EXTENSION, THE RAIL  
15 LINE. AND THEN IN THIS FLIER THAT WAS PRINTED OUT, WEST SIDE  
16 SUBWAY EXTENSION PUBLIC MEETINGS, IT MENTIONS THE ALTERNATIVE  
17 ANALYSIS STUDY OF THE WEST SIDE EXTENSION TRANSIT CORRIDOR.  
18 THE A.A., WHICH IS ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS, LOOKED AT WHETHER A  
19 TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT WAS NEEDED IN THIS AREA. WAS THAT PRINTED  
20 WITH PROP A FUNDING? LOOKING TO SEE IF ALTERNATIVE TRANSIT  
21 IMPROVEMENT WAS NEEDED IN THIS AREA. FOR 50 YEARS THEY'VE BEEN  
22 STUDYING WILSHIRE BOULEVARD. THE WEST SIDE, THE RED LINE OR  
23 THE PURPLE LINE AS IT'S NOW CALLED, WAS THOUGHT UP IN 19 -- IN  
24 THE MID 70S WHEN BRADLEY BECAME MAYOR. IT'S BEEN 30 YEARS.  
25 THERE'S BEEN HOW MANY MILLIONS OR BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT ON



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1 THE STUDY? HOW LONG IS THIS HORSE GOING TO BE RIDDEN UNTIL IT  
2 DIES? AND FINALLY, SINCE THERE'S NO MENTION OF ANYTHING WITH  
3 THE STATE BUDGET, I WAS JUST WONDERING, THE MAYOR, IN AN  
4 ADDRESS ON T.V. ON SUNDAY MENTIONED THAT HE WAS FOR THE  
5 PROPOSITIONS IN THE ELECTION THAT ARE UPCOMING. WHAT'S THE  
6 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' STANCE ON THE ELECTION THAT IS  
7 UPCOMING AND THE PROPOSITIONS THAT AFFECT THE BUDGET? ARE THEY  
8 FOR THE BUDGET PROPOSITIONS OR YOU AGAINST THE BUDGET  
9 PROPOSITIONS? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND  
10 ATTENTION.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CAROL AND THEN MR. BECKTEL  
13 AND THEN WARREN BRANCH.

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15 **CAROL LUTNESS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORED SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
16 CAROL LUTNESS, I'M A L.C.S.W. LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER  
17 AND A CERTIFIED DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR. I WORK WITH THOSE  
18 FOLKS WHO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS AS WELL AS  
19 A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM. CURRENTLY I AM WORKING FOR MY  
20 UNION, A.F.S.M.E. 2712, TO EDUCATE AND ORGANIZE AGAINST THE  
21 PROPOSITIONS, PARTICULARLY PROP A, PROP D, AND PROP E. WE FEEL  
22 THAT THESE PROPOSITIONS ARE GOING TO HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT  
23 ON PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. WE  
24 FEEL THAT WITH THE -- IF THESE PROPOSITIONS PASS, THEN THE  
25 COST OF HEIGHTENED PUBLIC SERVICES WILL BE BORNE BY THE



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1 LOCALITIES SUCH AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH PROP  
2 E, THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, PROP 63, THIS IS AN ATTEMPT  
3 TO DISMANTLE AN EXCEPTIONALLY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN  
4 ABLE TO REACH THE KIND OF PERSON SUCH AS JOHN THOMAS GORDON  
5 YOU JUST HEARD ABOUT, AND PROVIDE THE KINDS OF TREATMENT TO BE  
6 ABLE TO GET HIM BACK ONTO MEDICATION, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND THE  
7 KINDS OF SERVICES THAT HE NEEDED TO BE STABILIZED. INSTEAD,  
8 THE COUNTY SPENDS ABOUT \$74,000 A YEAR TO INCARCERATE THE  
9 MENTALLY ILL, VERSUS \$16,000 WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
10 ACT. WE FEAR THAT THIS BEGINNING, THIS PROP 63, THIS ATTACK ON  
11 PROP 63, WILL BE THE SLIPPERY SLOPE THAT WILL BEGIN TO DESTROY  
12 THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM WITH A 40 PERCENT REDUCTION IN  
13 INCARCERATIONS AND A \$16,000 COST. WITH PROP A, WE FEEL THAT  
14 THIS IS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WILL FURTHER CAUSE THE  
15 REDUCTION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS  
16 ON THE STATE LEVEL, THUS AGAIN PUTTING TREMENDOUS PRESSURE AND  
17 STRESS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY SERVICES,  
18 TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITALIZATIONS AND TO PROVIDE ALL THE OTHER  
19 VERY HIGH END COST SERVICES THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE NOW  
20 ADDRESSING. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THIS BOARD COME OUT  
21 IN OPPOSITION TO PROP A, PROP D AND PROP E.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND I BELIEVE YOU PASSED DOWN  
24 YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL TOO, FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU. I



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1 BELIEVE YOU PASSED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US, TOO, THANK  
2 YOU. MR. BECKTEL?

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4 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I NOTICE THAT THERE WAS SOME  
5 PEOPLE COMING AND TALKING ABOUT THE SWINE FLU. I DON'T THINK  
6 THAT IT'S ENTIRELY BEEN REPRESENTED PROPERLY. FROM WHAT I  
7 UNDERSTAND, THE SWINE FLU IS A MUCH MORE SERIOUS SITUATION  
8 WHERE IT HAS AN INCUBATION PERIOD OF SOME 6 MONTHS. AND IT  
9 SHOWS INITIAL SYMPTOMS, BUT THEY LIE DORMANT AND THEN THEY  
10 CROP BACK UP AND WHEN PEOPLE PASS AWAY FROM IT, THEY GET BLOOD  
11 ISSUING FORTH FROM THEIR MOUTH AND THEIR NOSE. AND THE ENTIRE,  
12 THE LUNG AREA BECOMES MUSH. AND I DON'T THINK TRIVIALIZING THE  
13 SITUATION IS A GOOD IDEA. I JUST WANTED TO MENTION I SAW  
14 SOMEBODY ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO HAVING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT  
15 IN FRONT OF THE CARL'S JUNIOR -- THAT HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN AT  
16 THE CORNER OF SUNSET AND WESTERN. AND THERE WAS NO TRAUMA.  
17 NOBODY HAD BEATEN UP ON HIM BUT HE HAD BLOOD AND ISSUING FORTH  
18 FROM HIS MOUTH AND HIS NOSE. AND I THINK THAT IF YOU SAW  
19 SOMEBODY WITH SYMPTOMS LIKE THAT, YOU WOULDN'T THINK THAT IT  
20 WAS JUST SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE NEED TO GO AND WASH THEIR HANDS  
21 ABOUT. BECAUSE I'VE BEEN NOTICING IN ESPECIALLY AT THE SMALL  
22 CONVENIENCE STORES THERE'S BEEN A REAL CARELESSNESS WITH THE  
23 HANDLING OF THE FOOD. AND AT COFFEE SHOPS, PEOPLE ARE BRINGING  
24 DOGS IN UP TO THE COUNTERS, EVEN. AND I TRY TO REMIND THE  
25 PEOPLE THERE, YOU CAN'T BRING A DOG IN HERE WHEN YOU HAVE OPEN



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1 FOOD LIKE THAT. IT'S A STATE LAW. BUT THEY DON'T PAY ATTENTION  
2 TO ME. AND I'M HAVING TO CALL -- I'VE CALLED THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 HEALTH TWICE LAST MONTH ABOUT TWO DIFFERENT PLACES. AND THE  
4 LADY THAT ANSWERS THE PHONE CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND ENGLISH  
5 HARDLY. BUT EVENTUALLY I WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE HER THEY NEED TO  
6 GO UP TO THESE PEOPLE. AND SO I THINK THAT YOUR COUNTY  
7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH NEEDS TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE AWARE OF  
8 THE CARELESSNESS GOING ON IN THE CONVENIENCE STORES AND THE  
9 COFFEE SHOPS AND THE FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BRANCH. YOU COULD GO AHEAD  
12 AND SIT DOWN. SIT DOWN, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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14 **SPEAKER:** LAST TIME I WAS HERE, YOU HAD TOLD ME TO BRING A  
15 LETTER FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I DID EXACTLY THAT. HERE  
16 YOU GO RIGHT HERE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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20 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO TELL YOU IN FRONT OF STEVE, HE SAID HIS  
21 DADDY CALLED THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND TALKED TO THE  
22 PROBATION OFFICER. THE PROBATION OFFICER TOLD ME, HE AIN'T  
23 TALKED TO ANYBODY, OKAY? SO I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW IN  
24 FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE, MAN, YOU LIE.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DON'T SAY THAT. YOU DON'T KNOW HE  
2   LIED. HE COULD HAVE TALKED TO ME.

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4   **SPEAKER:** WELL, THE PROBATION OFFICER TOLD ME HE NEEDED TO TALK  
5   TO STAVE. I GOT THE LETTER RIGHT THERE. AND THAT'S FROM MS.  
6   GAMA, THE CHIEF PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND I WAS TALKING TO MR.  
7   THOMAS. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. ALL HE  
8   GOT TO DO IS MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
9   RIGHT OVER THERE WHILE I'M STANDING RIGHT THERE AND HAVE HIM  
10   LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH OFFICER FREEMAN. IF OFFICER FREEMAN AIN'T  
11   THERE, JUST SAY GO TO THE CHURCH HOUSE IN THE MORNING WITH MR.  
12   BRANCH SO HE GET THESE PEOPLE'S ARRESTED. BECAUSE JEREMY SMITH  
13   JONOVICH AND SOME OF THESE CHURCH PEOPLES ALREADY WANT A BIG  
14   GIANT LAWSUIT. I MADE THE BOY TELL IT IN THE COURTROOM. BUT  
15   THE JUDGE DIDN'T DO NOTHING. JUST THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
16   AND HIS DADDY JOE SMITH, JONATHAN DIDN'T EVEN SHOW IN THE  
17   CIVIL RIGHT COURTHOUSE, IN THE COURTROOM. I REPRESENTED  
18   MYSELF. HE DIDN'T SHOW UP BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT THE JUDGE TO  
19   GET HIM ARRESTED. BUT JEREMY SMITH GONOVIS TO ANSWER IN FRONT  
20   OF A JURY. IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, I'M DOING WAIT  
21   UNTIL AUGUST THE EIGHTH WHEN THE JURY TRIAL AND I'M GOING TO  
22   MAKE JEREMY SMITH GONOVIS TELL IT IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE AND  
23   ALL THEM PEOPLES. AND THEN IT'LL BE AN ARREST. ALL YOU GOT TO  
24   DO IS HAVE ONE OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS TO CALL THE POMONA POLICE  
25   DEPARTMENT WHILE I'M STANDING OVER THERE, AND MAKE ONE OF THEM



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1 GO OUT TO THE CHURCH WITH ME SO HE GET THESE PEOPLES ARRESTED.  
2 SEEMED LIKE TO ME THAT YOU GOT MAD AT ME BECAUSE THEM PEOPLE  
3 WAS HARASSING ME. THEY DID ME LIKE THAT. BECAUSE I DIDN'T JUMP  
4 IN IT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'LL TELL YOU AGAIN, LIKE WE  
7 ALWAYS TELL YOU, THAT'S THE CITY OF POMONA. THEY HAVE THEIR  
8 OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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10 **SPEAKER:** MAN, YOU JUST SAY WHAT YOU WANT, MAN. I KNOW WHAT  
11 TIME IT IS ON THAT, ALL RIGHT? YOU CAN LIE, TOO.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARE YOU THROUGH? THANK YOU.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I GOT THE LETTER. WHAT YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? IS  
16 YOU GOING TO HAVE MR. THOMAS TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE  
17 POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.

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21 **SPEAKER:** MAN, I AIN'T EVEN TALKING TO YOU, MAN, I'M TALKING TO  
22 HIM.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIT DOWN, SIR. YOU'RE DONE. OKAY? YOU'RE  
2   FINISHED. YOU'VE HAD YOUR TIME. THANK YOU. (STILL SPEAKING  
3   FROM AUDIENCE, INAUDIBLE).

4

5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. WOW, THANK YOU FOR  
6   THE COMPLIMENT. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT? THANK  
7   YOU. READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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9   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
10   NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
11   CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE  
12   WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. CS-  
13   2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT  
14   EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM NO. CS-3 PUBLIC  
15   EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE  
16   POSITION OF LEAD ATTORNEY, CHILDREN'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
17   UNIT AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT  
18   THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MAY 5TH, 2009 MEETING IS CANCELED TO  
19   ALLOW THE BOARD TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING WITH FEDERAL,  
20   ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS BEGINNING MAY 6TH, 2009, IN  
21   WASHINGTON, D.C. THE BOARD'S NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE  
22   TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 2009. THANK YOU. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN  
23   CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009.

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